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## Lights, Action—Research!



**The Kindness of Friends...** Major donors had the opportunity to name rooms: (above) Richard Newdick Theatre; Jerry Williams Studio; Joyce Garner (his widow) Kenneth Campbell Theatre Library; Mary Beane; Raynor Scheine Basement; Jo Anne Draucker Makeup Studio. Also Elizabeth Weiss and Gary Hopper Studio; Jack and Norma Simpson Studio; Thomas Wynnkoop Jr. Room.

Theatre alumni returned to campus April 19-21 not only to renew old friendships but to celebrate the renovation and rededication of Shafer Street Playhouse.

The **Richard Newdick Theatre** was named to honor the theatre faculty member and later chair from 1966-96. Newdick also received VCU's **Presidential Medallion** for service to VCU.

The **Kenneth Campbell Theatre Library** honors the Theatre faculty member and later chair from 1970 until his death in 1999. Campbell's personal library is the core of the collection.

On Saturday afternoon, alumni saw student demonstrations of set design, fight choreography and acting. Saturday night, Theatre VCU presented Moliere's *The Scams of Scapin*, followed (of course) by a cast and audience party on the set.



# Reunion Weekend

May 3-5, 2002

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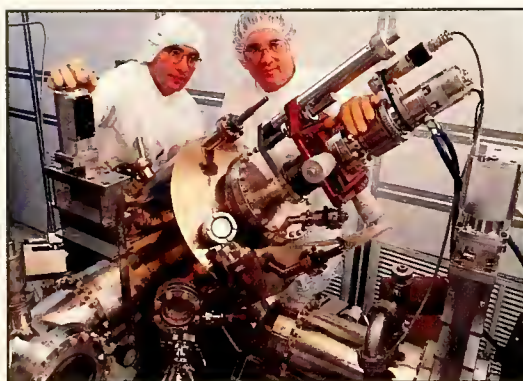
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Laundry day at "The Zoo"

I am writing about "They Were There," (Winter 2002) the first-person accounts of the attacks September 11, 2001, in New York City. Thanks for all that you have done with this story. All the accounts move me to tears.

As a result of your article, my husband Ricky Waller '83BS/H&S visited Julie Harvey's '85BFA photo website, and they are planning to meet. [Both of their accounts, and Julie's photos were in the article. Ed.] This real concern for alumni draws us into a new way of supporting one another and sensing a connection to VCU.

*Shafer Court Connections* is a great way to tell people about VCU. Both the quality of the publication and caliber of the article are wonderful. Ricky will share the story with management at St. John's University in Manhattan, where he works.

I have attached a couple of my aftermath photos.

Appreciatively,  
Jean Atwood-Waller '85BS/B

### Animal House?

I enjoyed the article in the *Shafer Court Connections* (Winter 2002) about dorms of the past. But I noticed one gross omission.

In the Fall of '72, my first visions were of my Lafayette Hall's old Tudor graces. This would be my home for two years. I would be dorm president and vice president of the student housing association. I would be a member of the winning intramural teams. This would be a melting pot of young men on their way to adulthood. This was Fun.

At 312 N. Shafer Street, our dorm was on the fringe of VCU (maybe by design, in that we got very little respect). But this was a great dorm, affectionately called The ZOO, scrolled in crayon on

the front doorstep and later on a sign hanging over the door.

The Zoo needs to be remembered. To me this was the heart of VCU. We had style and grace and irreverence and a passion for fun.

Dr. Jon Pike '76BS/H&S

Congratulations on another excellent issue of *Shafer Court Connections*. Although most alumni magazines are stodgy and dull, the subject matter, writing style and graphics all combine to make this publication very appealing. Most of us don't know about the VCU campus and alumni activity that the magazine covers. This is what they are doing at VCU? Wow!

It inspires me. Because of the magazine, I've become more involved, serving on the Nontraditional Studies Alumni Advisory Board.

Pamela Bodkin '91BIS/H&S

I like the look of the winter issue. It's lively and attractive, and you've included a lot of solid content for us too. Good job.

Paul Fleisher '75MED

### Help! Lost RPI Ring

I recently lost my RPI class ring. Art Carved tells me they have no molds for the ring, but they can make a new mold if an example of a 1968 ring could be located. If you have a ring and would be willing to "loan" it to Art Carved, please contact the VCU Alumni Office: (804) 828-2586, VCU-ALUM@vcu.edu.

James E. Bond '68BS/B



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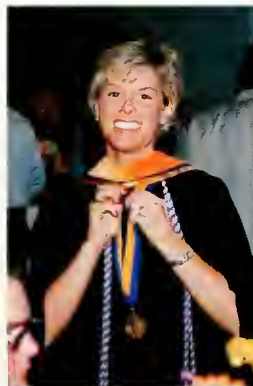
### Philip Morris Alumni Event

The VCU Alumni Association held its first corporate alumni reception on April 29. About 600 VCU alumni working at the Richmond-based Philip Morris company were invited to learn from President Trani the latest news about their alma mater and to meet Jeff Capel, VCU's new head basketball coach. Above, Kevin Smith '86BS/B and Steve Atkinson '75BS '77MS/B.

## Commencement and Breakfast



Fortified by a hearty breakfast served by VCU Alumni, more than 2,700 new VCU graduates and their families listened on May 18 at the Siegel Center as James Burke encouraged them to "reach out [to the rest of the world] and give others a little bit of the good fortune you have had. .... Those cultures will offer us nothing if we don't use our technology to help them survive." Burke is a producer and director for BBC, PBS and the Learning Channel. Also a science historian, he lectures often on technology and social change to organizations like NASA and IBM. Far right, *Shafer Court Connections* intern Amanda Cosner '02BA/H&S with her fiancé Cory Bausewell '02MS/E.





# NEWS

UNIVERSITY

## Budget Shortfalls, Tuition Hike

As a record freshman class of 3,100 helped swell VCU's enrollment to 25,400, tuition and fees also rose from 6.6 to 7.5 percent for the 2002-03 academic year. This partly offsets a reduction in state support because of a projected \$3.8 billion shortfall in the Virginia state budget for 2002-04, announced last winter. After factoring in tuition hikes, VCU's budget is reduced by \$13.7 million in FY2003, and by \$13.2 million in FY2004.

In August, Governor Mark Warner announced a second hit, a further shortfall of \$1.5 billion more. The Governor asked state agencies to make contingency plans for further general fund reductions of 7 percent, 11 percent and 15 percent. VCU estimates those reductions at \$11.1 million, \$17.5 million and \$23.8 million.

To manage the cuts, VCU is reducing its operating costs, including reductions in adjunct faculty and other staff. "It's unfortunate," said Paul Timmreck, VCU's vice president for finance. "But 70 percent of our budget is in people, salaries and benefits, so it's unavoidable."

## Social Work Stars

In a summary of 61 social work schools and departments across the country in the *Journal of Social Work Education*, VCU's ranked eighth in overall journal article publications, 1990-99. VCU's School ranked seventh in articles published in 1998-99 and third in articles published in social work journals.

From 2001-04, Dean Frank Baskind is president of the Council on Social Work Education, the U.S. accrediting body for BSW and MSW programs.



OLIVIA LLOYD, COMMONWEALTH TIMES

she said, "and in knowledge we find strength and reassurance."

CHEC is a 2,225-square-foot multimedia health information center, user-friendly for patients, their families and the community researching health topics. The MCV Hospitals Auxiliary, the VCU Health System and VCU Libraries developed it.

The school's MSW program ranked 13th among graduate schools of social work in the 2001 *U.S. News & World Report*.

Professor Dr. Robert Schneider received a national award from the Council for creating an organization to teach social work faculty and students how to lobby state legislators on policy issues.

## Universities Growing Cities

VCU in Richmond and Columbia University in New York were recently cited as premier examples of universities revitalizing their cities and stimulating regional economic growth. Boston-based CEOs for Cities and Initiative for a Competitive Inner City wrote about VCU's economic boost to Richmond and the region by founding the new School of Engineering and co-sponsoring the Virginia Biotechnology Research Park.

In the revitalization of Broad Street, university growth meant community development. "Broad was an utterly abandoned corridor," said John Woodward, Richmond's director of economic development said in the report. "VCU single-handedly turned it around."

## CHEC Out Health Info

On March 11, First Lady Laura Bush dedicated VCU Health System's Community Health Education Center (CHEC), in the signature Gateway Building on the MCV Campus. "This center is the gateway of knowledge,"

she said, "and in knowledge we find strength and reassurance."

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## VCU artweb

"Fiber, Clay, Mixed Media," Anderson Gallery, September 6-December 1. For Art, Dance, Theatre, Music—all that jazz, see [www.vcu.edu/artweb](http://www.vcu.edu/artweb).

## Federal Appointment

Secretary of Labor Elaine Chao announced the confirmation of **Dr. Roy Grizzard '68BS '72MED** as the first assistant secretary of the Office of Disability Employment Policy. Formerly commissioner for the Virginia Department for the Blind and Vision Impaired, Grizzard, who is legally blind, brings extensive personal and professional experience to the job. Chao spoke of Grizzard's "deep empathy and compassion in leading the charge to increase employment of persons with disabilities."

## MBA un Bon Marché

VCU's School of Business allies with Department of Foreign Languages so that French majors can minor in business. Juniors in the new BA program will spend a year studying at the Ecole Supérieure de Commerce Marseille Provence. After earning the BA, students can apply to the MBA program and finish within one calendar year. Graduate students on this track would return to Marseille for a graduate semester abroad.

The School has also revised its MBA program to integrate more information technology across the whole curriculum.

## First Qatar Grads

In June, VCU became the first four-year American university staffed by American faculty to graduate students at a branch campus in the Persian Gulf. The all-female VCU-Qatar College of Design Arts awarded Bachelor of

Fine Arts degrees to 21 students—four in fashion design and merchandising, five in graphic design, and twelve in interior design. Mary McLaughlin, associate director of VCU-Qatar, believes that her students will be pioneers in the region's male-dominated society.

Students wowed fans with their show, "Inside Out." Interior design students crafted the stage; graphic design students produced program and invitations; fashion students presented original designs. (Models were not Muslim.) Sandra Wilkins, associate professor of fashion design and merchandising, is sure that "with this haute couture collection, Amal, Hend, Noora and Rod will spark new thinking about fashion, fashion business and creativity."







ALLEN JONES '82BFA '92MFA VCU CREATIVE SERVICES

## "Secrets of the Sequence"

VCU hired Ward Television Corporation to produce a 52-week public television show on genetic research and the life sciences, "Secrets of the Sequence." The series began on April 7 and by late summer was reaching 150 stations, 80 percent of public TV viewers. Each episode features three eight-minute segments on genetic research and its impact on people's lives. VCU scientists join colleagues from Harvard University; the University of Michigan; the University of Wisconsin, Madison; the University of California, San Francisco; and the Medical Research Council/Laboratory of Molecular Biology in Cambridge, England, discussing their current work.

VCU arranged \$4 million in funding for the show, and has paid \$10,000 a month since 2000 to the public relations company developing the series. The investment is paying off. VCU is talking with the National Academy of Science and the National Association of Biology Teachers about writing a teaching guide based on "Secrets" to use with high school students.

### Crime Scene: Enter Here

The State Council of Higher Education for Virginia has approved VCU's new undergraduate forensic science program. Linking the fields of biology, chemistry and criminal justice, the program prepares students for careers as chemists, crime lab analysts, crime scene technicians, federal agents, forensic molecular biologists and toxicologists.

### Response to Bioterrorism

VCU AIDs and infectious disease expert Dr. Lisa Kaplowitz will oversee a statewide push to improve the Virginia public health system's capacity to respond to biological and chemical attacks. As Deputy Commissioner for Emergency Preparedness and Response, Kaplowitz will administer millions in federal grants. "I look forward to building the program," Kaplowitz said.

### Shaping Space

As part of Virginia Architecture Week, VCU students heard interior design professional **Gary Wheeler** at VCU's Interior Design Day, April 18. Managing director of Perkins & Will in Chicago and the firm's national director of interiors, Wheeler is also past president of the American Society of Interior Designers (ASID).



"Our success," he told students, "is more and more a cross-selling of architecture and interiors. We find it's working very well. Our diversity is paying off." Sponsors included VCU's Department of Interior Design, and student and Virginia chapters of ASID.

### Cold War I

Wearing his historian's hat, VCU President Dr. Eugene Trani, with Dr. Donald Davis has published *The First Cold War: The Legacy of Woodrow Wilson in U.S.-Soviet Relations*, University of Missouri Press.

### Jazz Infusion

W.E. Singleton fell in love with jazz at 15, listening to a Louis Armstrong record for the first time. Now, the real-estate magnate is making an unprecedented \$2 million donation to nourish his favorite American art form at VCU's Jazz Studies Program. The gift, coming to VCU over several years, will fund instruments and sound equipment, scholarships for talented students, and performances by major jazz artists.

In thanks, VCU will name its Performing Arts Center for Singleton in October. Singleton makes it a party, sponsoring a Mini Jazz Festival on October 28, with free performances by singer Renée Marie, jazz violinist Joe Kennedy Jr., and performance and classes with MacArthur winner, saxophonist Steve Lacy.

Singleton was a long-term fan of VCU Jazz under previous director, Doug Richards, who fostered alumni greats like **Al Waters '86**, tenor sax with Ray Charles; **Alvin Walker '93** trombone, Count Basie Band; **James Genus '87BM** bassist, *Saturday Night Live*; **Alvester Garnett '93BM** drummer, with Abby Lincoln, Betty Carter; **Ron Jenkins '87BM** bassist, with Bill Evans, Cher; **Steve Wilson '84** alto and soprano sax, with Chick Corea, Billy Taylor.



New director, trombonist Antonio Garcia, "can speak my jazz language," Singleton says. Garcia keeps those hits coming with VCU's new CD, *It Could Happen To You. Mini Jazz Festival, October 28, W.E. Singleton Center, 7:30 pm; free; (804) 828-1166; [www.vcu jazz.org](http://www.vcu jazz.org).*

### Early Birds, Warmer World

VCU biologists Dr. Charles Blem and his wife Leann Blem have studied migratory and breeding patterns of prothonotary warblers on the James River for 16 years.

The Blems' records show the birds returning from South America and the Caribbean to Virginia nests an average of a day earlier every spring. Blem thinks rising temperatures in the Deep South and competition for nesting holes trigger the earlier return. This year, the first warbler arrived April 3, nearly 2-4 weeks early—evidence of global warming.

For most scientists, global warming is a reality, Blem says. "That argument is over. It's deader than a mackerel." Now scientists are studying causes and trying to predict just how hot it could get.

### "Branding" America

More than 600 students and professionals attended VCU's 8th Annual International Business Forum on March 6: "The Americanization of World Cultures through TV, Film and Advertising." Viewers in Australia, Europe, India and South America watched it in live video stream on the Internet. Universal Corporation sponsored the forum.

## "Literature, Crisis and Community"

The English Department is bringing artists, writers, teachers and social critics to VCU in 2002-03 to explore the roles of writing in creating communities and in communities in crisis. Speakers include photographer Wendy Ewald; Raymond Federman, founder of Surfiction; and composition expert Andrea Lunsford. The series is cosponsored with the Honors Program, through an NEH grant.

This fall, VCU and the University of Richmond will bring African American novelist and Nobel Laureate **Toni Morrison**. She will read from her work October 2, 7:30 pm, at VCU's Siegel Center. Her lecture on "Literature as an Agent of Social Change" is at the UR Robins Center, October 3, 1 pm. *Events free. Morrison by ticket only: VCU (804) 828-1331; UR (804) 289-8980. [www.has.vcu.edu/eng/lcc](http://www.has.vcu.edu/eng/lcc)*





An international panel discussed how the media affects world perceptions of the U.S., and proposed an organized effort to "brand Americana," with its positive values like opportunity, decency and tolerance.

Panelists urged Americans to teach children sooner about cultural differences. **Dick Robertson '67BS/MC**, president of Warner Bros. Domestic Television Distribution, commented, "We [Americans] tend to live in just our own culture. You fly from Seattle to Miami and when you get off the plane, you're basically in the same place, except for the palm trees."

## Gray Cell Games

Dr. Donald Abraham, chair of medicinal chemistry and director of VCU's Institute of Structural Biology and Drug Discovery, will take his scientific expertise to market, again, with a new company called kSero Corp. Abraham and kSero's co-founder Susan Hardwicke will use current brain research to create toys and games that speed up learning.

kSero (Greek for "I know") will develop a prototype collection of toys for children four to six. Abraham and Hardwicke will design their video games and toys to stimulate multiple areas of the brain simultaneously, increasing children's ability to learn and retain information.

Abraham received the 2002 Paul Dawson Biotechnology Award from the American Association of Colleges of Pharmacy. He pioneered the use of anti-gelling agents to treat sickle cell anemia and did groundbreaking research on allosteric effectors of hemoglobin. He is editing the 6th edition of Burger's *Medicinal Chemistry* and writing a new textbook on drug discovery.

## Financial Health Check-Up

VCU Health System is paying The Hunter Group \$4.1 million to nudge the system's operating margin to 3 to 5 percent. The margin has been at .5 to 1 percent, with expenses barely below revenue. In May, year-to-date profit was only \$4.8 million on a budget of about \$614 million, less than a 1 percent margin, too slim for security.

The three- to six-month process is focused on cash flow management and accounts receivable; savings through performance improvement, productivity and compensation; organizational struc-

ture; and clinical documentation review and recommendations.

## \$\$ Squeeze Quality of Care

How does a hospital's balance sheet influence its investment in resources and process for high-quality care? Do declines in quality come primarily in staffing, in deteriorating equipment? Are effects different in hospitals facing less competition?

Funded by a \$1.2 million, two-and-a-half year grant from the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality, VCU researchers will study U.S. hospitals to see how financial stress affects care. "Since the Balanced Budget Act of 1997," explains principal researcher Dr. Gloria Bazzoli, concern is growing "that changes in hospital reimbursement might have an adverse impact on quality of patient care."

## Research Grants Up

By May 2002, VCU researchers had brought in \$154 million, surpassing last year's total of \$136 million. National Institutes of Health funding increased 19 percent last year, and VCU moved from 61st to 57th in amount of NIH awards. VCU's goal is \$200 million in research grants.

"Research faculty are the people who really are going to move us ahead," said Dr. Marsha Torr, VCU's vice president for research. National Science Foundation officials met with VCU faculty to talk about research NSF wants to sponsor, and Torr's office will help faculty write grant proposals.

## Capel Head Coach

On March 5, Jeff Capel III took over as head of men's basketball at VCU, after the resignation of Coach Mack McCarthy. He's the first African American men's basketball head coach in the school's history, and, at 27, the youngest active Division I coach.

A 1997 graduate of Duke University, Capel was a four-year starter for the Blue Devils, finishing his career with 1,601 points, 433 assists and 220 three-point field goals. His freshman season, the Blue Devils went to the 1994 NCAA National Championships. He was a two-time All-ACC selection and earned ACC All-Academic honors as a senior. Capel joined VCU last year as an assistant coach. The season before, he was assistant coach at Old Dominion University under his father, Jeff Capel Jr.

"I'm very prepared for this job," Capel told the *Richmond Times-Dispatch*. "I played for great coaches my whole life. My high school coach and arguably the greatest coach in the history of team sports was Coach K (Duke's Mike Krzyzewski). I was around a great coach my whole life, my dad. I was around Coach Mack this year."

"I think he'll do a great job," said junior guard Antoine Willie in the *Times-Dispatch*. "For one, as players, we're going to give him 100 percent. And secondly, he's been there. He knows what we're going through. Plus, he played for one of the best programs in the nation and one of the best coaches ever, so he knows what it takes to win."

"Jeff Capel meets all the criteria," said Dr. Richard Sander, VCU director of athletics. "He's had terrific mentors; he has a passion for basketball and coaching; and he's continually demonstrated the ability to motivate and interact with student-athletes."

Coach K recommended Capel. "He's prepared in many ways that people might not understand because of his youth," Coach K told the *Times-Dispatch*. "His people skills are incredible. He's honest, caring and really knows the game."



## "Building Richmond"

"Why are VCU's historic houses nationally important?" VCU architectural historian Dr. Charles Brownell and Mary Broughton, VCU's architect of the university, have answers at the VCU Friends of the Library Lecture, October 10.

What they know about this "open-air museum of architecture" comes from documentation by VCU graduate students. On October 11, for the tenth year, our students present their findings on these and other Richmond buildings at "Building Richmond," VCU Symposium on Architectural History. Friends' Lecture/lunch at The Virginia Historical Society, October 10, noon. Tickets: (804) 828-1163. Symposium October 11; (804) 828-2784.

Photo: [www.library.vcu.edu/jbc/speccoll/post/](http://www.library.vcu.edu/jbc/speccoll/post/)



## A New Stage

When VCU demolished the old Life Sciences Building and Adkins Hall this summer to build a sorely needed new dining hall, students and alumni also said goodbye to the Shafer Court Stage. To offset the loss, a new outdoor stage is planned adjacent to the expanded Commons, and a plaque will memorialize the old stage. The new 57,000 square foot dining hall will seat 850 and include outdoor café seating along Shafer Court.





## Major Threat, Major Support

The Commonwealth Cancer Foundation for Research, newly created by Alice T. and William H. Goodwin Jr., has pledged \$25 million to VCU's Massey Cancer Center. The Goodwins' gift is the largest pledge ever to the Cancer Center and the University.

"Our lives have been touched, as everyone's has, by friends and family with cancer," says **Alice Goodwin '66BS(MT)/AH**. "We just feel that a gift of this nature might be helpful to a broad group of people."

From the gift, \$18 million will be used strictly for research moving potential treatments from the laboratory to human trials. The \$25 million pledge will be fulfilled over nine years. Beginning in 2004, their yearly support will be a challenge grant.

"This is a huge boost," comments Dr. Gordon Ginder, Massey's

director. "This will help us rapidly move promising developments forward and help us recruit outstanding researchers."

In 2001 the Goodwins, with three close associates—Dr. Peter Brown, Booty Armstrong, and Richard Higginson—began educating themselves about cancer and cancer research, talking to top doctors and cancer researchers all over the country. In the end, the Goodwins believe the best cancer research facility in the U.S. is in their own backyard.

"Massey is a jewel in Richmond, in Virginia, and the nation," Alice Goodwin observes.

"We are most grateful to the Massey family for its continued commitment to the Center. We are also grateful for Dr. Walter Lawrence and Dr. Gordon Ginder's exceptional leadership and vision at Massey."

The Goodwins' gift comes after a \$10 million commitment from the Massey family in May 2001, and raises Massey's campaign goal from \$71 million to \$104 million. The campaign will fund a new research building, add six or more endowed chairs and 15 more researchers, renovate the Dalton Patient Oncology Clinic, and support research.

Massey's goal is to move from a National Cancer Institute-designated clinical cancer center to a comprehensive cancer center meeting higher NCI standards for research collaboration, funding, and prevention and treatment.

### Executive Material

VCU's School of Business was ranked among the top twenty executive education programs in the Southeast by *BusinessWeek*. Rankings are based on surveys of directors of leadership and executive development at companies worldwide.

### Best Doctors in America

Best Doctors Inc. asked thousands of U.S. physicians what specialist they would choose for themselves or their families. Among the best were 61 doctors in 23 specialties from the VCU Health System's MCV Hospital.

### By Any Other Name?

Shafer Court Campus? Commonwealth Campus? Fan Campus? After months of mulling, a committee of faculty, staff and students decided on—Academic Campus of VCU. No change was needed, and spending money on new stationery and signs during a budget crisis would be irresponsible. "We like it," said one member. "It's our name, and we're sticking with it."

### MTV at VCU

For the first time, MTV hit VCU on their popular Campus Invasion tour. Hundreds of students strolled the Student Commons Plaza,

watching classmates performing on a karaoke stage and burning original music mixes with special computer equipment. Some even enjoyed a virtual encounter with Ozzy Osbourne, star of the popular MTV sitcom "The Osbournes," via blue-screen technology.

Later, students enjoyed performances at the Siegel Center by MTV-anointed "buzzworthy" bands Starsailor, Default and Injected, and Nickelback.

### Comings and Goings

**Dr. Donna Brodd**, interim vice provost for academic affairs since August 2001, has been appointed to the position. At VCU, says President Eugene Trani, "Dr. Brodd has worked tirelessly to support the provost in the areas of curriculum, assessment and accreditation."

She had been chief academic officer for the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia (SCHEV) for 15 years. "VCU is a dynamic and exciting university," says Brodd. "I am honored to help the university grow even stronger academically and get the credit it deserves."

**Dr. William Duvall**, associate vice provost and dean of Student Affairs, said goodbye to VCU in May, retiring with his wife to the Outer Banks of North Carolina.

Since 1972, Duvall advocated for VCU students. He is especially pleased with development of the Student Commons, now building Phase III. "It is very important for VCU students to have a place where they can meet and create a real community." He also crafted the VCU Honor Code System and championed the VCU Creed, a value system for students.

**Dr. Patricia Alvey** is stepping down as director of VCU's Adcenter to lead a fledgling advertising institute at Southern Methodist University in Dallas. During her two years at the graduate advertising program, Alvey has led growth in programs and recruitment, and revamped the Adcenter's marketing plan.

After 31 years of research, teaching and collaboration with the real estate industry, **Dr. James Boykin** is retiring. Boykin joined VCU as an assistant professor in 1971, was appointed to the Alfred I. Blake Chair in 1972, and helped start the

Virginia Real Estate Center nine years later. Last year, he launched the first distance learning in VCU's School of Business.

Boykin is "a legend," says **Robert Taylor '91MBA**, a former student who follows Boykin as director of the Virginia Real Estate Center. "He has shaped and molded countless individuals involved in real estate nationwide."

After an exhaustive national search, **Dr. William Boshier Jr. '69Med** was chosen the new dean of the School of Education. Since 1998, Boshier has been executive director of the Commonwealth Educational Policy Institute, a think tank based at the School. Boshier has been superintendent of schools for both Henrico and Chesterfield Counties. As Virginia's superintendent of public instruction under Governor George Allen, he led the push to develop Standards of Learning for Virginia's K-12 students.

**On Boards.** The VCU Board of Visitors welcomes four new members, appointed by Governor Mark Warner. They are **Thomas Rosenthal** of Richmond, CEO of Med Outcomes, Inc.; **Philip Thompson Sr.** of Chester, president and CEO of One Number Information Systems of Virginia; **Dr. Michelle Romano** of Fairfax, a physician; and **Edward Bersoff** of McLean, managing director of Quarterdeck Investment Partners.

**Lawrence Agnew '82BA/H&S** of Insignia Thalhimier was named to the Board of the VCU Foundation.

**Dr. W. Baxter Perkinson Jr. '70DDS**, a Board of Visitors member since 1996, is now its head, VCU's rector. "No one loves the university more than Baxter," says former rector **Edward Flippin '65BS/B**.





# making it work

BY JORIEL FOLTZ



## puzzling? perfect!

When VCU launched the Engineering School in 1996, newlywed sophomore **David Colby '00BS/En BS/H&S** paid close attention.

"Having a family, I became very tuned into the job market," he readily admits. He adjusted his focus from chemistry to chemical engineering.

Engineering turned out to be a perfect fit. "I love solving problems," Colby says. "It's like doing puzzles—fun and intellectually satisfying." Now a

doctoral student at MIT, he is researching Huntington's disease, a progressive neurological illness for which there is currently no treatment.

Huntington's is a genetic mutation that causes certain proteins in the body to form abnormally. These abnormal formations bind to other proteins, forming clumps that stop neurons from functioning. Patients gradually lose control of their bodies and their mental processes. Colby's interest goes beyond scientific curiosity. "My grandfather had Huntington's, and my aunt and uncle have it too." Colby's mother beat the genetic odds, so he and his children are not at risk.

Researchers at MIT explore cutting-edge treatments for this

■ **Adventurous. Innovative by definition.** Members of the first graduating class at VCU Engineering relished their role as interactive prototypes for a brand new program. So new, they helped break ground for their School's first building. And now—just two years out of school—these fledgling scientists are breaking new ground on their own in graduate programs and corporations around the country.

For Associate Dean Bart Cregger, the success of the founding students is no surprise. It was carefully engineered, after all. "Our first class of 2000 would get a lot of attention. They were hand-picked. These are all very interesting people."

deadly disease. One line of inquiry seeks to develop small stretches of protein, or peptides, that will bind to the abnormal regions of mutated proteins and prevent further clumping. Another possible treatment involves larger protein antibodies that could engulf the diseased proteins and prevent them from clumping.

Colby's major contribution so far has pushed through a research barrier. "People were doing test tube experiments with just the proteins, but we needed to get the peptides into the cells." Colby combined two technologies, putting the peptides that inhibit clumping into "protein transduction domains" that allow them to cross cell membranes.

"There are so many people trying, and it's so difficult to cure a disease that I can't feel incredibly optimistic," Colby confesses. "But it's so exciting. I hope that what I'm doing can contribute to the groundwork for a treatment or a cure."

Colby says VCU's emphasis on undergraduate research set his first fascinating puzzles in the lab. "That was the most valuable thing I did, getting into a lab and trying to see how scientific research was done in the real world."

## corporate fire-fighter

As a child, **Danielle Crawford's '02BS/En** favorite toy was a physics set. She dreamed of becoming a math teacher. Then at a VCU open house for high school students, she visited the Engineering table. "People were so full of positive energy. I decided to attend VCU and study engineering."

Crawford's future continued to fall neatly into place. She was looking for a summer job, and Philip Morris USA had just called one of her professors. The largest cigarette manufacturer in the country needed an engineering intern for their Richmond plant. Crawford was the ideal candidate, with trouble-shooting and analytical skills perfectly suited to corporate R&D.

Summer internships and part-time work led to a full-time job after graduation. "I really enjoy it," Crawford declares. "I like the culture. It's a very positive work environment, and they allow a lot of room for innovation in research and development."

For two years, Crawford has been helping to design a cigarette that





reduces the risk of fires from carelessness. The focus is on a special type of paper with ultra-thin rings that work like speed bumps, causing the cigarette to burn slower when the lit end crosses over them. Slower combustion may make these cigarettes more likely to go out before accidentally igniting certain fabrics.

Crawford plans to stay with Philip Morris USA. And she's staying with VCU. She enrolled in a master's degree program last year, supported by the company's tuition reimbursement and flex-time work policy.

Crawford's years at VCU Engineering gave her a sense of community and a strong work ethic. "And the faculty commitment is exceptional. At most universities, you can't see the professors even during office hours. At VCU, they went above and beyond to help us with both our personal and professional growth."

## engineering bright smiles

When she was nine, **Mia Pham '00BS/En** left Vietnam to pursue her education. Pham goes after what she wants, and she brought that spirit to her studies at VCU Engineering. Enticed by a full scholarship, she began a degree in biomedical

engineering, even though that program would not open until two years into her degree. With plenty of support from her professors, she designed her curriculum to graduate on time. "Everybody

caters to whatever it takes for you to succeed," says Pham. "They don't want to leave anyone behind."

Now a second-year student at the School of Dentistry on VCU's MCV Campus, she feels very well prepared. "If you really want to be in a medical career, engineering is a great background to have. It gives you an advantage over everyone else." It's the hands-on, the practice as well as theory, she explains. Engineers don't

just memorize concepts; they use them to solve problems.

Take her senior thesis project. Pham was working with VCU's Dr. Peter Moon to solve a long-standing dental challenge. "Once a tooth is decayed and destroyed, it can't remineralize and correct itself," Pham explains. "Dr. Moon hopes to identify and understand the remineralization process and find a way to induce that process so that there won't be a need for restorative fillings."

That project cemented her interest in the field. "Dentistry is a form of art," she says, convinced. "And the best part of it is that you get to see the results of work immediately."

Another attraction is that Dr. Dieu My Thi Pham DDS will be able to open her own practice with regular office hours; she can spend more time with her family. Pham's parents recently moved to California from Vietnam, and she is eager to finish her degree and rejoin them after fifteen years apart. Besides, "eight years is a long time to be in school!"

## exploding potential

When **Robert Snodgrass '00BS/En** became valedictorian of the first VCU Engineering class, many found it hard to believe his assertion that he was a "complete goof-off" in high school. "I had terrible, terrible grades. I turned it around towards the end of my senior year in high school when I realized that I might never be able to get into a college I wanted to go to."

Fortunately for him, VCU saw his potential and took a chance. "I'm really, really glad I went to VCU," says Snodgrass. "The type of engineer I've become and will be in the future has everything to do with the education that I got at VCU."

To earn a master's degree at Georgia Tech, Snodgrass studied underground explosions in electrical vaults under city streets. Fit for the X-Files, this rare urban problem may become more common as utility

lines age and electrical transmission cables are increasingly overloaded. The greatest danger is that manhole covers can become 300-pound projectiles, blowing out of the ground with enough force to shoot to the top of a ten-story building—or kill a passing pedestrian.

Snodgrass took over work on a computer program that simulates the explosion process. "My work has been to design code for mitigation schemes, ways of reducing the danger," he explains. A mitigation scheme might involve adding tethers or bolts to a manhole cover. Obvious, maybe, but will it work? That's why utility companies are interested in the program. "They don't have a good idea of the forces involved. We can tell them about that to help them develop the schemes and then run code to see how effective they'll be."

Snodgrass finds the new technology fascinating. "I enjoy being able to go into an area that nobody's really explored and create something useful, something that can really serve a purpose."

Next on the horizon for Snodgrass is a job at Naval Surface Warfare, designing military systems. He will be part of a large team, working on a broad range of projects from missile design to radar systems. "It's kind of an odd-jobs sort of place. Any problem the Navy might have, they come to that center and get help." Clearly, an engineer's delight.

As he embarks on this new career, Snodgrass enjoys sharing his experience at VCU Engineering with colleagues. "It's kind of a neat feeling to know that we're the first ones through, out there representing the School in schools and the workplace."

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BY PAMELA BODKIN '91BIS/H&S

The big buildings of polished stone, old bricks and glass at Main and Belvidere Streets loom impressively over Monroe Park. The VCU School of Engineering looks stationary, but it isn't. This engine definitely has moving parts. In fact, this is a School on the move.



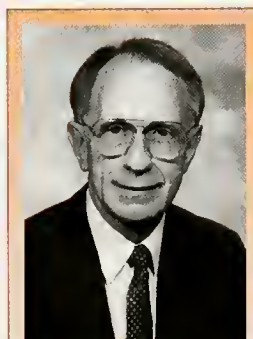
VCU's School of Engineering opened its doors six years ago with 107 students. Enrollment for Fall 2002 is 1,100 students with an average GPA of 3.52 and average SAT of 1235; 59 percent of incoming freshmen graduated in the top 25 percent of their class. The School has added Master's and PhD programs to the BS in chemical engineering, mechanical engineering, biomedical engineering and electrical engineering. Computer science recently moved into the School of Engineering

from the Math Sciences Department in the College of Humanities and Sciences, to facilitate the rich possibilities for collaborative research. In May VCU and Virginia State University announced they would share faculty and facilities in computer engineering.

Graduates and undergraduate students work with VCU faculty and researchers in experimental areas including medical imaging, brain tumor biochips, micro-fabrication short courses for engineers at NASA, robotics in medicine, and drug design. A campaign is underway to finance the School's Phase II, a new building focused on bioengineering, generating more synergy with the Trani Life Sciences Center on the Academic Campus. (See sidebar.)

From the beginning, the idea driving this engine was that students would learn in a real-world, real-work environment. Industry partners were part of the planning from startup, and their continuing input takes VCU engineers beyond the norm.

School of Engineering dean, Dr. Robert Mattauch, explains, "While most engineering programs orient themselves specifically at technological excellence, we hear time and time again from our industrial advisors that this is essential but not suffi-



Dr. Robert Mattauch  
Dean of Engineering



Associate Dean Barton Cregger and post-doctoral researcher Dr. Osman Gurdal work with a molecular beam epitaxial deposition system—which builds nanomaterials, one atomic layer at a time.

cient for today's workers. At VCU we answer the needs of today's industry by emphasizing communication skills; the ability to think critically and organize one's thoughts logically; and an understanding of business and manufacturing, along with an understanding of the global nature of today's manufacturing and business worlds. We teach not only the ability to work in teams, but also an understanding of how teams work, what allows them to be successful, and how to help the team reach its goals"

Philip Morris USA, headquartered in Richmond, has a strong, long-term partnering/internship agreement with VCU Engineering. Processing Engineering Manager Jaye Mabesoonne and Manufacturing Director Dawn Saunders are engineers with 20-25 years of professional experience. Mabesoonne has observed that "VCU students have been extremely well prepared in the engineering basics and concepts." She also values VCU's emphasis on teamwork with hands-on projects. "We have found the VCU Engineering Internship relationship extremely beneficial," says Saunders.

Another fan is Michael Yeatts, director of Human Resources at Ondeo Degremont, Inc., which supported the launch of the Engineering School. "As we design and engineer equipment and systems for the treatment of water and wastewater in the municipal and industrial markets, it is imperative for ODI to have top flight engi-



neers. We have been pleased with the quality of the engineers from VCU."

Diversity is another way that School of Engineering teams mirror the working world. The makeup of VCU engineering students in 2001 showed: White 59 percent, Asian 16 percent, African American 18 percent, Hispanic 4 percent, Native American 0.5 percent, other 2.5 percent; with 23 percent female and 77 percent male. "The surprising feature of our diversity is that 52 percent of our undergraduate student population is composed of gender or ethnic groups not traditionally found in engineering. This pretty much replicates what is predicted for the technological workforce of the year 2006. And this is another reason that major employers find VCU a fertile recruiting ground for their employment base of the future," says Dean Matrauch.



Julia McLees '01BS/En and Annuh Phung analyze a new chemical compound.

Judith Brooks at Dominion Virginia Power (Nuclear) in Richmond comments, "The VCU School of Engineering is a recruiter's dream in terms of academic quality and diversity. The enthusiasm and open door policy practiced by Dean Matrauch, Associate Dean Bart Cregger, and faculty is outstanding in making local industry feel welcome and valued on and off campus." Mark Carlton, Dominion's specialist in Corporate Diversity and Staffing, is "very

impressed" that VCU students have "hands-on experience from their first semester," great preparation for engineering work at companies like Dominion.

Teaching and training on multiple levels requires unique, energetic, experienced and creative teachers. The School recruits outstanding faculty who are excellent teachers and also engaged in research and economic development. With a current faculty of 48, the School received more than \$2.5 million in research funding in 2001-02, with \$16 million worth of research proposals under review by funding agencies and industry.

Dr. Robert Pearson, associate professor of electrical engineering, directs a curriculum to give students hands-on experience in the "clean room," a 7,500-square-foot center for working with semiconductors. "VCU's clean rooms replicate the environment, equipment and protocols used in the industry," he explains. "Student design projects have included micro-mechanical pressure sensors, ion implanted bipolar process designs, and investigations into retention time failure mechanisms in memory chips."

This spring DDi Corporation, a leading provider of time-critical interconnect services for the electronics industry, set up a Center for Advanced Printed Circuit Board (PCB) Design and Manufacturing off campus using similar clean room facilities. At DDi's Center, VCU faculty and graduate students design and manufacture



A microelectrical engineer inspects a wafer. VCU's "clean room" facilities replicate conditions in the semiconductor industry.



**FIRST in the Class.** For the NASA Langley/VCU FIRST Robotics Competition every spring at VCU's Siegel Center, high school students solve an engineering challenge and then see how it plays out. Mentored and funded by corporate sponsors, each team designs and builds a robot to perform an assigned task—playing basketball, say. Finished robots compete against each other. This year, 66 teams and 2,000 students came to VCU from across the U.S., a great opportunity for them to see VCU. The freshman class of 2002 includes 26 FIRST veterans.



# phase II

## engineering in the life sciences century

The Phase II plan for the engineering school can now get underway with the generous \$10.5 million unrestricted gift this spring from Richmond car rental entrepreneur Ken Wright and his wife, Dianne. Phase II includes construction of a new 106,000 square foot bioengineering building and an 18,000 square foot bioprocessing and biochip research facility, and increased funding to support faculty and students. Essential state support for the Biochip Research Center and other VCU projects is part of an \$846 million bond referendum for higher education coming before Virginia voters November 5. VCU's share totals \$77 million in essential building projects.

"Building a strong and diverse biosciences cluster will help Virginia reach the forefront of locations with the trained talent to build our economy around the newest technologies. This investment will also directly contribute to new discoveries in cancer research, orthopedic surgery, medical

imaging and drug design, just to name a few," says VCU President Eugene Trani.

The \$10.5 million is a challenge gift and contingent on the School of Engineering Foundation raising another \$15 million in the next two years. Foundation President Bill Goodwin says, "The Foundation looks forward to working hard to meet their challenge and begin the Phase II development of the School. This is the phase that will merge the basic engineering disciplines into the medical sciences and create a school well positioned for leadership in the 'Life Sciences Century.'"

Contact the School of Engineering Foundation at (804) 827-7030 or Suite 331; 601 W. Main Street; P.O. Box 843068; Richmond, Virginia 23284-3068.



Dr. Keefe Manning '01PhD/En and Dr. Shruti Japee '96MS'99PhD/En are biomedical engineers for the 21st century.

materials and technology related to high speed and high density interconnect design. PCBs connect Integrated Circuits, the "chips," that make up the systems in products from cellular phones to aircraft flight control systems and electronic toys.

In summer 2001, the School of Engineering hosted the international Biennial University/Government/Industry Microelectronics Symposium, which brought engineers and researchers from the United States, Singapore and Brazil to exchange ideas about technologies and education in nano-fabrication, creating materials at the microscopic and molecular level. "Cities compete to host these symposiums because they help attract high-tech companies," Pearson comments.

"Entrepreneurism," says Dean Mattauch, "is another fundamental underpinning of our engineering program."

Dr. Gary Wnek is chair of the Chemical Engineering Program, home of "ChemEngine, the first and only undergraduate engineering consulting group in the nation—run by VCU students." Juniors and seniors run ChemEngine; the company's student

consultants solve real technical and engineering problems for real companies. ChemEngine's faculty mentor, Dr. Gary

Huvar, gave some statistics. Since its start in summer 1999, "more than 25 students have worked on 35 projects for more than two dozen regional and national companies. ChemEngine, a nonprofit subsidiary of Huvar's consulting firm, HRC Inc., has grossed over \$200,000, with roughly 85 percent of earnings paid to the students." The company was recently a finalist in the annual Greater Richmond

Technology Council (GRTC) Awards competition.

Projects finished in summer 2002 show the kinds of technical challenges student engineers meet. Junior Chris Jameson, ChemEngine's VP, spent the summer under contract to DuPont's Spruance-based Tyvek organization. The company hired Jameson to work out complex Excel spreadsheet applications to compute the thermodynamic properties of certain solvents and mixtures.

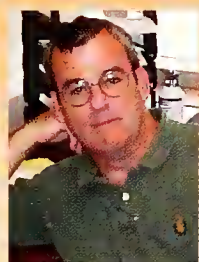
Senior Jason Noel,



Student Brian Lacey and Dr. Gary Wnek, chair of chemical engineering, adjust small glass piping in a lab.



under contract to chemical giant Rohm and Haas Company, Springhouse, Pennsylvania, developed a preliminary capital and manufacturing cost analysis program for chemical companies. "Rohm and Haas is



At VCU, engineers are entrepreneurs. Dr. Gary Huvar is the faculty advisor to ChemEngine, the only undergraduate engineering consulting group in the country.

especially big in all types of acrylic monomers and polymers," Huvar explains. "They make huge quantities of acrylic emulsions used in dozens of applications—paint and coatings, household products, detergents, personal care, water treatment, adhesives and more. They are one of the world's largest producers of ion-exchange resins. Until Noel's work, a really good preliminary cost estimation package for chemical plants did not exist." Rohm and Haas will use the package in house, but will also allow the students to distribute the

program to other universities for chemical engineering design courses.

Wnek points to ChemEngine as a good paradigm for VCU engineering education. "Students get invaluable, real-world experience, and companies get important problems solved at a reasonable cost." ChemEngine projects, adds Huvar, "give VCU graduates a leg up in the job competition. The experience VCU students get is exactly what employers are looking for in new hires—especially fresh-outs."

Since its first class in 1996, the School has brought Richmond into the 21st century in technology education. Dr. Rosalyn Hobson, assistant professor of electrical engineering, won the Dr. Janice A. Lumpkin Educator of the Year Award from the National Society of Black Engineers last year, an award that emphasizes interactive teaching. "Too many students drop out of science," Hobson says. "They get bored when it gets tough." Hobson is convinced that when students learn through hands-on projects, the visible rewards of making something that works will pull them past the hard parts. Hobson's research areas include robotics in medicine and electronic nose and neural



Dr. Rosalind Hobson, 2001 Dr. Janice A. Lumpkin Educator of the Year, does research in electronic nose and neural networks.

networks. Her colleague, Dr. Gerald Miller, professor and chair of biomedical engineering, last year received the Outstanding Educator Award from the Bioengineering Division of the American Society of Engineering Education.

Hands-on teachers are heavily involved in their own research. In the field today, says Dean Mattauch, "While there is plenty to be done in major areas such as electrical or biomedical engineering, the areas of greatest excitement and potential advantage for humanity generally occur where disciplines overlap."

VCU's Center for Bioelectronics, Biosensors and Biochips is one point of multiple convergence. Center director and chemical engineering professor Dr. Anthony Guiseppi-Eli is working with VCU neurosurgeon Dr. William Broadus on a project to improve the treatment of brain tumors, which strike 17,000 people and kill 13,000 each year. This biochip develops a genetic profile of individual tumors so that therapies to fight them can be precisely targeted. Extracted mRNA from a tissue sample is placed on the biochip under a high-tech microscope which captures a digital image of the tumor's genetic structure.

In spring 2002, VCU hosted an international conference and workshop on Biochips. The Phase II expansion of the School includes a new bioprocessing and biochip facility. This field "is a marriage of life and technology," Guiseppi-Eli told the *Richmond Times-Dispatch*; and he continues to marvel at the "multitude of possibilities that



Behind Dr. Anthony Guiseppi-Eli is a liquid-handling robot, part of the Advanced DNA Microarray Facility of the Biochips Center, that is used in the high throughput analysis of DNA. Scientists program the robot arm (which holds pipettes) to prepare DNA samples (as many as 30,000) that will be placed on slides. Reactions of this DNA with DNA taken from tissue samples help to classify the tissues.

could spring from the space of a postage stamp."

Perhaps the most unusual marriage of disciplines links the Mechanical Engineering Program and the School of the Arts. Research still includes traditional projects like designing a more efficient jet engine or building structures for vehicles and



Dr. Eric Sundgren, chair of mechanical engineering, and Paul Martin work on a wind tunnel.





Double major **Barbara Kruse '02BFA,BS/En** works her engineering skills, measuring system pressures of an air compressor with Josh Raby.

robotics. But VCU pushes beyond mainstream thinking and teaching. Faculty from mechanical engineering and sculpture meet regularly to review current activity and plan future projects.

"This activity is actually the brainchild of our founding dean, Dr. Henry McGee, who taught us all to think outside the box," says mechanical engineering professor Dr. Eric Sandgren. "The concept is for our engineering students to gain ability in visual perception and creative problem solving, while the sculpture students gain a better understanding of technology. There are no end of products which involve both form and function—the automobile is probably the best example. The new Apple Computers have been successful because of their unconventional design."

"This is the first time since the Renaissance that artists and engineers use the same tools," continues Joe Seipel, associate dean of the School of the Arts and former chair of sculpture. With students from both disciplines together in one class, "we critique projects on both function and aesthetics, an interesting combination of left brain, right brain." Sandgren remembers students working on a mechanical sculpture that moved sluggishly. "They were trying to make the drive system more powerful, but then other students suggested that the struggling motion added to the work." A potential liability became essential.

The two programs share equipment and space, with interdisciplinary teams of students working in both the engineering and art buildings. "We've created an environ-

ment conducive to learning which destroys stereotypes," says Stephen Stackpole '94BFA, an experienced kinetic artist on the sculpture faculty. Assignments like the "sound machine," (in photos) encourage cross-fertilization of concepts and multiple solutions.

"With the sculpture program ranked in the top five nationally, this is an interaction which could really put VCU on the map," Sandgren points out. Seipel and Sandgren's long-term vision is for the program to morph into what they'd call the DaVinci Institute—basically a playground for engineers and artists to interact and "do cool stuff."

In May, **Barbara Kruse '02BFA,BS/E** was the first to graduate with a dual degree in mechanical engineering and sculpture. She was admitted to prestigious graduate schools like University of California at Berkley, Caltech, Stanford, Georgia Tech and the University of Texas at Austin. With a National Science Foundation Scholarship grant worth \$96,000, Kruse chose Berkley, where she will study "brand new technology—never designed before."

She is convinced that "no other program in the country would have allowed me to gain acceptance into some of the top universities in the country. The partnerships made between the engineering school and the art school at VCU really made it stand out, and I hope to see what this partnership leads to in the future," says Kruse.

The future looks bright for VCU engineers. Partnerships on campus and outside continue to drive this teaching, research and production engine. In graduate school and industry, VCU engineers can confidently take a place and join the team.

Dawn Saunders of Philip Morris USA says, "We are fortunate to hire the young engineer professionals into our manufacturing organization. It is a relationship we want to continue to foster and grow in our future."

*Pamela Bodkin is a policy and planning specialist for the Virginia Employment Commission and a freelance writer.*



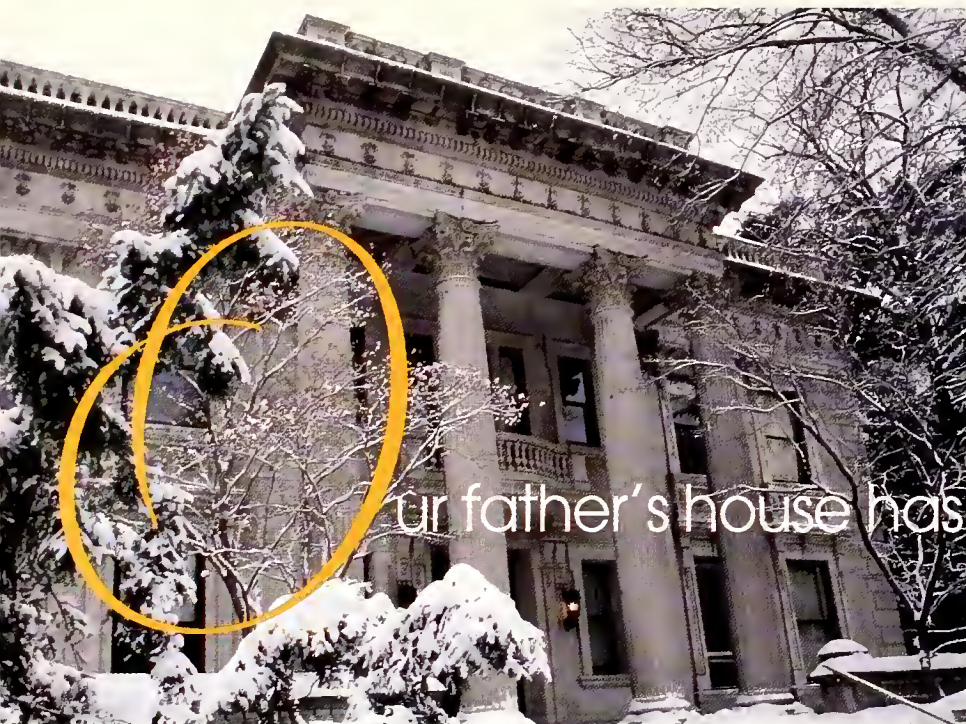
Engineering and sculpture students collaborate on projects like Sound Machine. A motion sensor activates solenoids which move a comb laterally through the hair, plucking guitar strings hidden behind it. The comb moves jerkily as if through tangles, and guitar strings make choppy music. Team: Steffi Sverrisdottir and Charles McMillian



Mechanical hands with solenoid activated fingers. A series of cams actuate switches to make the fingers tap out a preset rhythm. Team: Luke Barrett and Devlyn Kornegay

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## Our father's house has many mansions...

BY MARY ELLEN MERCER

Dr. Henry Hibbs envisioned a university of active learning, with the city itself as the classrooms and laboratories—in 1917. As Hibbs knit together his urban campus in Richmond, he bought up the houses around the original Shafer and Franklin Streets intersection. Ginter House. The President's House. Millhiser. VCU is now the lucky resident and careful custodian of much of a historic district along Franklin Street. The latest addition is the Bocock House at 909 West Franklin Street, which VCU bought in 2001.

Before VCU takes full possession, there's a musical interlude when it becomes the Richmond Symphony Designer House for 2002, raising funds for the Symphony through October 20. Among those who created rooms for the house are alumni **Robert Rentz '77BFA**, **David Ballas '85BFA**, **Chris McCray '93BFA**, **Lara Koplin '92BFA**, and a team of VCU interior design students. **Elena Epstein '02BFA** made drawings of all the rooms for a publicity booklet.

Many alumni have already called the gracious white mansion home. In 1963, RPI leased it for a women's dormitory. The Bococks had made an apartment for themselves at the back of the house, and Elisabeth Scott Bocock

lived there until her death in 1985. Later, VCU leased the first and third floors for offices, while the second floor was apartments—often occupied still by VCU students and alumni.

**Sandra Jett Ball '66BFA** lived in "909 West Franklin" for three years and was house president in 1964. A dozen girls lived there in 1963-64, three girls to a room. When the third floor opened in fall 1964, there were 22 girls in the house. There was no dorm mother, just an upper class girl in charge.

"We all had a good laugh over our waterclosets and loved our big bathtubs. My roommate **Mary-Anne Sturgis Kellam '70BS/B** slept in one once, maybe to cool off. Showers were tedious with the wraparound shower curtains and bleak water flow." But

"awesome" closets made up for that. And amenities like "French wallpaper with swirling red and blue plumes"—and the gardens. "We purposely cut through the gardens to class, simply because they were so beautiful."

There were the usual scrapes and amusements. Skateboarding—"that would be me, but never in the dorm," she insists. "Sometimes Mrs. Bocock's cook Pauline would invite us into the kitchen for snacks." Sandy, Mary Ann, and their roommate Jane Winters Wise made the mistake of sunbathing on a porch facing Ginter House—and Dean Jane Gladding's office. Sunbathing was banned, although Dean Gladding reconsidered and later rescinded the ban.

Once one of the girls gave an old-time formal tea party on the front porch. "I was campused (grounded), again. But I'd been out to work, so I dawdled along and stopped for the tea party, until one of the housemothers saw me and shooed me inside." So she attended the rest of the party "leaning over the front balcony, talking to the girls below."

"I would have loved to have more contact with Mrs. Bocock," Ball regrets, "but she kept to herself when she was in town, although she was always pleasant when we saw her." There was at least one instance when she intervened.

"In '64 a group of girls created the Cotillion Club, a service club. We sponsored a dorm decoration contest for the Winter Dionysus Dance." They rigged up a giant figure of Bacchus hanging from the front balcony reaching for balloon grapes; his buddy was sitting in a window. At the time the students shared the house during the day with a Senior Center. The seniors were affronted and made the girls dismantle their decoration. "When Mrs. Bocock found out, she was furious. She had the figures put up again and gave each of the decorators a copy of Edith Hamilton's *Mythology*." (They won the contest, too.)

When **Cheryl Claiborne '77BFA** started at VCU, her parents told her she could decide where she wanted to



909 house officers in 1964. Sandra Jett (now Ball) '66BFA, second from right.



live. To her, co-ed Rhoads Hall looked like the ideal residence. Her parents did a fast back-pedal. "Fine! You're moving to the Bocock House—all girls!" they announced. The freshman soon agreed with their choice. "They were right about where I needed to be. It was all about people."

The Bocock House never stopped being a family home to people who lived there. "Relationships were very strong," Cheryl says, "because it was so small. All three floors were multi-class years, so it was a great introduction to upperclassmen." The life of the house rushed through it. The eight on the third floor climbed out the windows to sunbathe on the roof under the trees. "In the back lived Matthew, an aspiring opera singer, who would carol when desire or need struck."

Even Elisabeth Scott Bocock befriended her. "She was impressive. Tall, erect, elegant and sophisticated, even in her mid-seventies." As they shared the pleasures of Mrs. Bocock's garden, their acquaintance grew. "She was very eccentric and amusing—but I was aware of the steel inside." They became friends. Mrs. Bocock, a Symphony founder, took Cheryl to "my first classical music performance with her—a Richmond Symphony concert."

During his "Bocock years," 1989-92, Jeff Legg '89BS '02PhD/AH was a radiology technician at MCV Hospitals while earning a master's degree at the University of Richmond. Home pleasures were a welcome respite. The Bococks had left family furniture and paintings. Jeff slept in an iron four-poster bed and kept his studentware in a beveled glass china cabinet. "The little front balcony gave me an eye on the world. I loved the glory of the soft light in wall sconces in the evening. How neat to live in a mansion like that right out of college!"



Jim Currence '92BS/H&S and grad student Ingrid Mercer with canoeing alumni Snowden Scott '99BFA and Berta Bocock II '00BS/En.

And he knew Garrett Hardy, who had worked for the family for generations and arrived several times a week to cook up his famous chicken hash in the cool basement kitchen, his space. "I would help him walk up the drive. He'd tell stories and point out the painted flamingos and donkey carts on the walls under the back stairs. Talking with him brought life to the experience, that this was a family house."

"Studio Apt. \$175/mo, No Students"

had been posted just minutes before at off-campus housing. Jim Currence '92BS/H&S has a sharp eye for a deal—and terrific determination. "I looked at it right away. They didn't want students, but I just pleaded with them. I offered to provide references, I even told them I'd pay a year in advance before they finally accepted me." A bargain on both sides. Jim remained a resident for 10 years ("the longest I've ever lived anywhere") and became the live-in superintendent.

As people moved out, apartments were passed along to friends. And Jim was an energetic social director as well as super.

He instigated backyard barbecues, Halloween parties, the annual thieves Christmas party where people fought over gifts like a singing bass, dreadful ancient LPs and The Scarf No One Wanted. "We were a little community of pals all in paradise, with that great garden, and all the University practically in our front yard!"

William Buckley Charlton '93MT/E lived in the Carriage House with its tower, behind the main house. Jim remembers "the day Buck drove up on a motorcycle with a fishing rod on his back." Buck collected motorcycles, it turned out, and he convinced everyone else to get bikes, too. "We even had t-shirts printed that said, 'Bocock Bad Daddies.'"

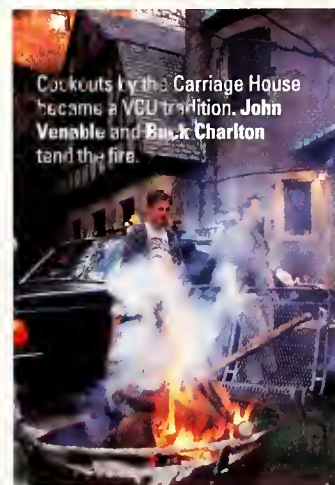
"It was an oasis," says Maja Anzulovic '98BFA, who lived there in 1999-2000. "The beauty of the architecture and the yard with its huge magnolias and Japanese maple. At our cookouts, it was like being in the country. Buck brought bushels of oysters. There was a great sense of friendship, communal living in a way. There was always someone to help you out."

The house is out of the woods now, opened to the light, with parking on the west. A few great "specimen" trees still stand amid new landscaping to include a fountain. Alumni can revisit home and history, their own and Richmond's. Take the Grand Tour and support the Richmond Symphony. *Designer House, sponsored by the Richmond Symphony Orchestra League: until October 20, Mon-Fri 10-3, Sat. 10-5, Sun 12-5. Tickets: \$12 in advance or groups of 10+; \$15 at the door. (No children under 8, or infants.) Call (804) 421-3550.*

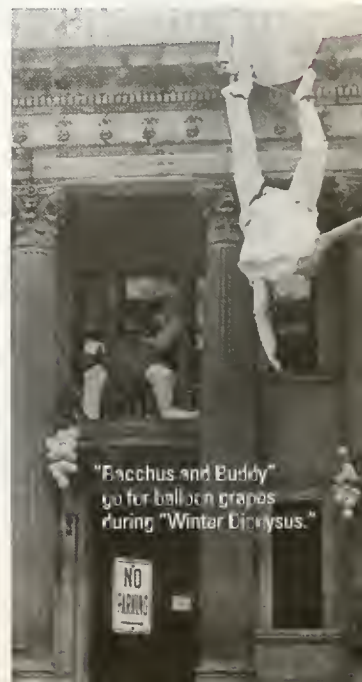
Mary Ellen Mercer is Shafer Court Connections editor. Background and interviews by Deanna Brinkman, a Richmond Symphony Orchestra League volunteer and publicity chair for the Designer House.



Buck Charlton '93MT/E, John Venable '96MFA/H&S and Andrew Miller '97MFA/H&S go for seconds.



Cookouts by the Carriage House became a VCU tradition. John Venable and Buck Charlton tend the fire.



"Bacchus and Buddy" go for balloon grapes during "Winter Eclipsus."



# CLASSES

BY KEVIN FINUCANE '95BA '99MA/H&S

"I never thought it would be the computer that would bring my classes the active discussions I wanted," says VCU English professor, Dr. Ann Woodlief. The computer lab in Hibbs 329 pulses as hard drives turn and fans cool CPUs. The course is Nature Writing. And while there are only a few students visibly typing away in the lab, all 25 students are present, at least online. Today, the subject is the human place in evolution. Behind the safety of their own screens, students discuss the ideas of Stephen Gould, Loren Eiseley and Lewis Thomas.

Like the minds that enter them, classrooms and teaching methods are changing. Teachers are finding that a thorough knowledge of their

discipline and a tried teaching style are not always enough. Classroom 9.1 is here, displacing the now dusty rows of chairs, crumpled paper and stacks of ink-stained textbooks piled neglected in closets. Administrators see the lucrative opportunities of providing distance learning courses to students in other cities, or even in other countries. Technology in the classroom can prepare students for a high-tech workplace.

A generation of teachers and students have forgotten the smell of chalk, and many professors at VCU are turning toward web-based programs like the virtual Blackboard or Web Course in a Box (developed at VCU and later sold to Blackboard), to do more with their students.

Woodlief uses Blackboard, one of the most popular modes of course communication in higher education. Some professors use Blackboard only to post syllabi, homework assignments and additional readings, grades. More often at VCU, teachers use the software to create a library of course materials for students—in audio and video as well as print; and provide links to web-based databases, research sites and other dynamic content. Some run their entire class through the program. Students can discuss topics, turn in assignments, take tests and check grades—without ever seeing the teacher or their classmates.

Teachers can hold class in a virtual classroom at a scheduled time (synchronous, like Woodlief's

course), or students can logon, say, "anytime before 10:00 a.m. Wednesday" (asynchronous discussion) to comment on the topic and other students' remarks. On Blackboard "Discussion Boards" at VCU, students are discussing antebellum plantation economies, genetics, or a poem by Walt Whitman in smaller groups outside of class, while teachers monitor their students' participation.

VCU's new wireless network makes net access even easier. With a dozen transmitters (range, 150 feet; 10 users at a time) in Shafer Court and two libraries, and more coming, VCU students and faculty can sit outside with laptops and link up unplugged.

Perhaps it's quicker. Perhaps it makes sense to teach in a medium that has already has students' attention. "These are kids that often pay more attention to screens than to people," Woodlief comments.

Yet what is sacrificed between the illuminated screen and the inquisitive mind?

## Virtual Classroom, Actual Learning?

"You have to find what you want to do pedagogically and then see if technology can help you as a teaching tool," says Woodlief.

Woodlief has spent the past seven years of her 30-year teaching career using the computer lab to offer students distance learning options and more literary resources.



Dr. Ann Woodlief



# R O O M 9.1



*At the Trani Center for Life Sciences, Dr. Thomas Huff calls the five new "smart rooms" with stadium seating and state-of-the-art multimedia capabilities a "pedagogical utopia."*

Despite the generally held contention that technology discourages student interaction, Woodlief structures class so that her students have to be there, and they have to "type up."

Class members log on synchronously, and Woodlief starts the discussion with a question, a topic or another objective. Students pull passages from the work they are discussing, respond to each other's comments, and help steer the discussion. "I feel myself receding more

and more as they take over. I'm less the pontificator lecturing and more of a guide," Woodlief says. "It always amazes me how they build upon each others ideas and find things in the readings that I didn't even know were there."

In a traditional classroom, face-to-face discussions can be dominated by a few unabashed students. Safely screened, "Students are more willing to discuss works online than in person. And since students can learn how to read better by seeing how

others read, there's an immense improvement in interpretation skills."

Writing instructor Alexina Fagan concurs. The complex "threads" of student response are "especially surprising and exciting for students who had no idea they could play off the comments of one another in such interesting ways."

But how does online discussion compare with traditional lecture-based teaching when it comes to learning critical thinking? "If you



have to put your ideas into words and have other readers contest them, you are going to have to think critically," Woodlief responds. "It is easier for students to come in and listen to a lecture and be tested on it. I think at least three-quarters of my students think harder and learn more than they would in an ordinary classroom." She admits that personally, "I do miss that face-to-face contact and bringing your students down your own interpretive path of a work; but most students don't learn best that way."

Not everyone benefits from the new environment, particularly older, "low-tech," returning students. "It's important," Woodlief adds, "to be

present in the classroom during my online session, to be prepared for more traditional discussion for students actually there who need that."

In the School of Education, Dr. Judy Richardson teaches reading

and learning strategies to teachers in various subject areas, partly online. Like Woodlief, she prizes the interactive push she incorporates in the online course. "Before, I think students just came to class and abdicated responsibility to me to 'stuff the content' in them. Now they see better the impact of study skills and interaction. This is especially important for people who are teachers themselves."

The practical advantages are appealing. Centralizing course materials online means Richardson can update her course and add new content no matter where she happens to be. "While I was in Russia working with teachers there, I could go into my website at VCU, logon for office hours, post class materials, and read responses. I took my spring break this spring to go visit my sister's new twins, a nephew

and a niece, in London, and I could teach the course from there."

It's true that "monitoring student performance is a must for a fully online course." In self-paced courses where students do not meet synchronously, "some students think they can just catch up later," says Richardson, since class sessions are always available online in the Power Point presentations and taped lectures. "Not that students don't fall behind in a traditional classroom," Richardson laughs ruefully. "But when they are physically there, it's a little easier to pin them down and ask for the work."

There's a specific plus in teaching teachers online. Beyond the course content, they are using and learning the web-based skills Virginia requires for 4-12th grade teachers. "My older students, veteran classroom teachers coming back for recertification or a master's degree, tell me they feel much more confident using the computer and the web by the end of the course."

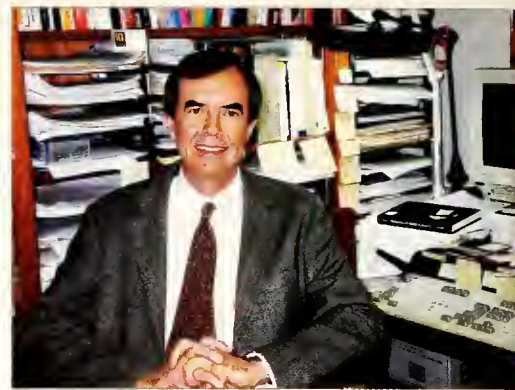
Richardson knows she has understood more and learned more herself. "Teaching online, and tapping into the many resources available on the web, has made me a better teacher. In some ways, the technology has 'forced' me to be very clear in my own objectives and intent. I've realized how to incorporate the same online activities into my face-to-face class discussions so that students rely less on me and learn more, actively, from each other."

Biologist **Dr. Bill Gutzke '75BS '77MS/H&S** is an award-winning teacher at the University of Memphis. "Although knowledge of



**Dr. Bill Gutzke**  
'75BS '77MS/H&S

new technologies is essential for those entering the job market in disciplines like biology, technology itself is not enough to make us better teachers," he cautions.



**Dr. Lynn Nelson**

"Technological innovations have made us more effective at our jobs from a research aspect. Certainly, we can now conduct research and ask questions that were very difficult or impossible just a few years ago, but are we better scientists than those of the past? That I doubt. Has it resulted in more knowledgeable students? From a technology aspect—of course," Gutzke says.

"Effective teachers can be effective with just a piece of chalk, whereas poor teachers may still be poor even with the latest technology," says Gutzke. "Technological advances are merely tools, and tools, in and of themselves, are effective only in the hands of an expert tool user. Nothing replaces that neuronal tool we term an inquisitive mind."

For VCU sociologist Dr. Lynn Nelson, reaching those other inquisitive minds can be daunting. Whether he is sending his internationally-focused Introduction to Sociology all the way to Qatar in the Persian Gulf, or teaching the same online class at VCU, Nelson's survey course load would be impossible without web-based resources. His spring and fall sections each had a roster of around 300 students, with one graduate teaching assistant to every 100 students to handle grading.

From long experience, Nelson has realized that a combination of virtual and actual classroom time allows for the best of both worlds. "My live lectures are dress rehearsals for what I offer online. There, students assimilate what you really want them to know, not just what you can think of at the moment." Like Richardson (who says "Lynn Nelson is my



technology guru”), Nelson has created online discussion groups of 15 students each within his larger classes. The groups are named for major world cities. Students are required to post their essays, respond to their peers, and address the discussion questions with others in Madrid, Beijing or Stockholm. “You have a much fuller discussion, with everyone participating. You can’t do that in classroom of 35 people,” Nelson says.

He is working, in part, from the data. In summer 2000, Dr. Gary Sarkozi, VCU’s acting director of continuing education, did a study comparing student learning in the traditional and online versions of Nelson’s Intro to Sociology. (For student comments from that study, see The Chat Room, page 23.)

Sarkozi concluded that students in different class modes interpret the role of the instructor very differently. “Students in the traditional class discussed the importance of the instructor and the class interaction playing an important role in their learning. Students online interacted with the instructor only to solve technical problems and accepted the material as presented. They did not ask for any clarification of material nor did they engage in any type of dialogue about the subject matter with the instructor or with each other.” In other words, they didn’t think outside the box on the screen.

Considering Sarkozi’s study, as well as the floundering web-based essays from students in early online courses, Nelson developed much more structured questions, planned the discussion groups, and built in the required response to a classmate.

Although, Nelson himself much prefers his face time with students, he says that “both in-person and online courses can work well—there are plusses and minuses with both formats. “Without seeing facial expressions and body language in general, you miss a lot of the context.” Richardson agrees, “Body language is 80 percent of communication.”

Nelson continues, “In person is extremely valuable. You can follow thought processes as they happen. There’s spontaneity, a chance for unexpected ideas to emerge. Live interaction helps me refine my own thinking.” His schedule includes some hybrid classes and some entirely online—especially when the students are in Qatar.

Dr. David Croteau is also in the Department of Sociology and Anthropology. For him, “The biggest difference technology has made is giving easier access to information students and faculty now have via the Internet. It has exacerbated old problems (sorting out reliable from junk sources, making plagiarism much easier and more tempting) and created some new ones (information overload; increased reliance on quick and easy sources rather than more detailed and demanding ones, such as books).”

Overall, “I think technology can be a plus.” Yet Croteau is skeptical about the ways that university administrations use technology to cut costs and make up for some basic pedagogical problems. “Giant lecture halls can never really be justified on pedagogical grounds, but they are economically efficient for universities and thus ubiquitous. The same is true for some of the ‘technological advances’ being proposed.”

Croteau insists, “Technology is no substitute for a traditional model of a liberal arts education based on reading and contemplation, discussion and debate, and oral and written communication of ideas. If we really want to improve education, we should first, make classes smaller, and secondly, hold them in a physical environment that encourages face-to-face collaboration among students.”



Dr. David Croteau

## Cost-Benefit Analysis

Despite what some critics think, virtual does *not* save time and effort. Incorporating this technology in the classroom takes *more* time, a lot more,” says Nelson, not only in setup, but revising, adding information, checking student responses, answering email. And he’s no tech buff. “I’m certainly not using this as a pastime; I do it because I think it is effective.” Woodlief agrees. “I don’t use newer technology for convenience’ sake,” she insists. “I use it as an effective learning tool.”

Time costs up front are a major reason why many teachers are at first reluctant to embrace technology says Dr. Doug Kaufman ’96MS/H&S, former director of product development for Blackboard. His research and consulting company, Kaufman Research & Consulting Group, helps schools and school systems find and choose the technologies that will be most helpful to their students and teachers.

“Many teachers become frustrated and quit because they believe it ought to save them time from the get-go. Although the upfront time investment may be higher than anticipated, the ultimate payoff is much larger,” Kaufman argues. Courses are better organized, and course materials and other resources are readily available.

At VCU, faculty members don’t have to make their own map of the Internet highway. The Instructional Development Center holds workshops where webmasters like Nelson and Woodlief show technological



Dr. Doug Kaufman ’96MS/H&S



neophytes some fairly quick and basic ways to add this dimension to their courses. The Center also offers grants toward hardware, software and instruction for faculty designing an online course.

With this kind of support, Kaufman comments, "More teachers are finding that online learning is useful for more than just distance learning. It used to be that we wrote on the chalkboard and then the overhead projector. Now we put learning online. The computer doesn't replace the instructor," says Kaufman. "It's another tool in the instructor's kit."

In fact, Kaufman sees recent technological advances as both revolutionary and evolutionary. "There have been a few monumental movements in education," says Kaufman. "First, there was the revelation of the book—perhaps the first type of distance learning. The second is the campus, and the third is educational technology. Yet today, there are professors who refuse to use even email."

Still, does the latest revolution come at a cost? Do online learning and technology have a detrimental effect on students' critical thinking skills? If information is readily available, will students spend less time investigating and creating their own theories?

"You don't lose critical thinking with technology," Kaufman says. "Consider libraries. Did scholars think that creating libraries would stop students from thinking critically because they held so many of life's answers right within their walls? Technology may make it easier to cheat and steal information, but it also makes that easier to detect." As quickly as a student can download an essay to turn in, a teacher can tap the topic into Google and find it again. Kaufman would say we're just working out the bugs. "We are suffering now from the newness of the technology. Educational technology is in its infancy."

Kaufman agrees with Croteau on the importance of human interac-

tion. "During college, trust is important for students. There should always be an opportunity to build it, and in some ways, face-to-face interaction builds it the best."

Still, applied correctly, Kaufman says, technology in the classroom "can really benefit the relationship between the students and the teacher by offering more avenues to communicate." As Woodlief asserts, the medium also allows more student-to-student exchange, also crucial to the learning process.

Kaufman says, "While technology shouldn't replace the traditional campus, it's an effective tool. We have a lot of opportunity to get students interested in what they are doing. Unfortunately, we walk the line of education and entertainment all the time, and students pay closer attention to what they think is cool technology."

### **"cool technologies"**

If you're searching for cool technologies, VCU's new Trani Center for Life Sciences, is the site. Students learn in computer-equipped classroom-labs. Large lecture halls boast the latest in multi-media technology and Internet connectivity. VCU has ultra-speed links with Internet 2, the international network for science research.

The Bioinformatics Computational Core Laboratory suite is the "most advanced classroom in Virginia," explains Dr. Thomas Huff, vice provost for life sciences. Equipped with a lightening-fast Internet connection and sophisticated computer hardware, the suite offers everything from individual online instruction to two-way video conferencing, connecting VCU Life Sciences with educators and scientists from across the state and beyond. With its partners in the Virginia Bioinformatics Consortium (including GMU, UVA and Virginia Tech), the videoconferencing center brings students into interactive discussion with lecturers on key issues like ethics in cloning, bio-terrorism, or genetically modified food.

"Each lab has a TV, a VCR, and at least two and often many more computers for analysis," explains former GTA Kate Jensen. In Dr. Bonnie Brown's classes in ecological genetics, students use genetic tools to look at differences in fish species. They can see that genetic diversity is too low in some endangered species, or look at genetic aspects of oyster diseases, for example. Bio majors are required to take a 300-level class in techniques. Computers allow undergraduates to work with bigger data sets, sooner." Students can access statistics, manage data, and develop charts and graphs to illustrate and solve a problem assigned to them.

Multimedia lecture halls work very well for entomologist Dr. Karen Kester's survey-sized Biology 152. "I found Power Point to be a great way to teach because freshman tend to be very visual." Kester combines a formal lecture with a multimedia presentation. Sound clips range from the Beatles to birds whistling ("Blackbirds"?). "I try a multiple-sensory approach to teaching. It's entertaining for sleepy freshman at 8:00 am; but there's another reason. Sound clips, such as the song of a humpback whale, can help students make associations and remember names in lectures on animal diversity."

"I have received a lot of compliments from students, even on tough subjects like animal diversity, since I began using Power Point two years ago," says Kester.

Kester also uses Blackboard to post links to current news articles on class topics. A list of links opens her class to research and tools at sites like the University of Arizona and the "Tree of Life" project, where students can look up the evolutionary relationships of animals.

Power Point presentations are popular campus wide. The slide outline-image format almost forces organization on a teacher, which helps students.

History professor Dr. Philip Schwarz posts his course materials on Blackboard. But he uses Power Point in the classroom to combine



image and sound to give his undergraduate students another way of thinking about American history. The presentations also help his students stay focused during class—in a survey class of 125 students, that's a feat in itself.

Schwarz makes the point that the teacher, not the tech, drives the course. "Technology is not the silver bullet. It doesn't make me more effective, I use it to try to be more effective. It's important not to let the tool change the learning."

Sociologist Croteau suggests that VCRs made the big classroom revolution. "For the first time sound and moving pictures were in the teacher's toolkit. Video is very useful for communicating some topics—allowing students to see and hear people and places, not just read about them. I'm not convinced that newer tools like PowerPoint are nearly as significant."

## dancing at the edge

New technologies not only bridge generation gaps, but help faculty cross boundaries between disciplines. At VCU, technology links faculty on the two campuses and beyond, in a kind of distance teaching.

Fortified with a Faculty Mentoring Grant from the Instructional Development Center, dance instructor Judy Steel teamed up last year with Dr. Lisa Shoaf from the Department of Physical Therapy at the MCV Campus. They created an online course, *Anatomy for the*

Dancer. A trained dancer herself, Shoaf says the collaboration was a natural. "Judy and I worked closely to integrate dance principles with anatomy from the very beginning of the course."

Most courses in anatomy and kinesiology are geared towards science majors and don't apply directly to dance, Shoaf explains. "A major thing we had to think about was how to teach its applications at an appropriate level. "Because dancers tend to be more visually-oriented than science students, we wanted to use as much video, pictures and graphics as possible to make the content more life-like." When they teach the course again, Steel wants to add discussion boards and study groups for more student interaction.

She also found that "working with someone from the MCV Campus has been an eye-opening experience." (And impossible without the technology.) "You really reap the benefits twofold because the students are given access to a wider area of information."

Their Faculty Mentoring Grant was invaluable. Shoaf admits, "Judy and I were never computer gurus. We knew nothing about putting a course together in a web-based environment. We learned everything, from connecting to the server to using Front Page and Blackboard. Now we tell people not to hesitate about going into these projects. The Instructional Development Center was really helpful, and the outcome was what we had hoped for."

Such a media success leads to—what else?—a sequel. Together again, Dance and Physical Therapy Departments are collaborating on Dance Science.

Blackboard and other web-based technology supports team teaching across other borders as well. History professor Dr. George Munro and Dr. Gina Kovarsky from the Foreign Languages and International Studies Department are teaching "300 Years: History and Culture of St. Petersburg" in spring 2002 and 2003.



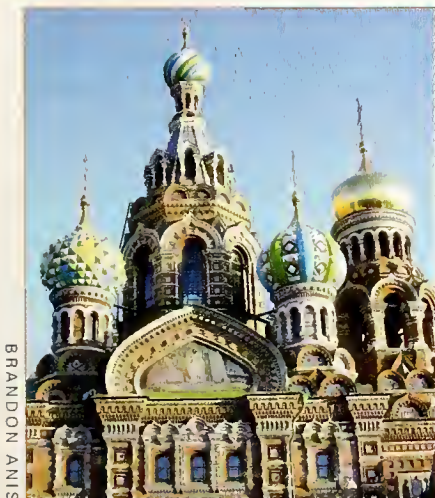
*Anatomy for Dancers: The concept of core support from the trunk for the extremities is a key anatomical principle for dancers.*

While they teach mainly in the classroom, they use Blackboard to post course materials, maps, sites of the city, and readings; and as a portal to web resources based in Russia. Both summers Kovarsky takes students across literal borders to Russia—next summer for the tri-centennial celebration in St. Petersburg.

Technology in itself won't transform classes from dull to dynamic. In person and online, students and professors create their environment together. Professors like Woodlief and Nelson have seen—and seen to it—that students in cyberspace don't stop "talking" and arguing and collaborating. New technologies are great tools for students whose right-brain learning style accommodates Nintendo and MTV better than academic lecture-and-print. Different ways of seeing push the print-bound learner toward active and more complex understanding.

Nelson speaks for many of his colleagues. "I see a lot of educational value in this medium. I'm always trying to find new ways to exploit it."

*Kevin Finucane is a freelance writer, photographer and writing instructor. On weekends, he jumps out of airplanes.*



BRANDON ANIS

*Students cross borders virtually and actually to celebrate St. Petersburg's 300 years.*



# B E Y O N D T H E T A L

BY JEAN HUETS

Students have long shown that different learning styles demand more than the "talking head" approach to teaching. An aspect of hard-wired education at VCU is the Technologically Enhanced Classroom. TECs scattered across campus, are electrifying learning in disciplines from life sciences to international business. Media-rich rooms bristle with TV monitors and computer screens to load with specialized software, videos and CD-roms, and link students to the net's infinite resources.

## How to Be Your Own Therapist

Dr. Donelson Forsyth developed the Psy101 TEC to individualize large lecture classes and give students more opportunity for critical thinking, interactive experiences and self-paced learning. About 1400 students use the TEC every year; Psy 101 students must use the TEC at least once a week. Psychology students can be therapist, client, researcher—all in the safety of a virtual environment.

Forsyth explains, "Psy 101 TEC isn't a physical place; it's a collection of technologically based tools that students use to learn about psychology. The classroom is not located just in a room, but also on the Internet, on the World Wide Web, and just about any place students can find a computer."

TEC students can play client to software "therapist" ELIZA, the first program to incorporate natural language conversation with a computer. ELIZA illustrates the talking therapy developed by Carl Rogers, a client-centered, reflective, nondirective approach. The client leads the conversation, making statements and telling his story. ELIZA facilitates the flow by patterning responses on key words in the "client's" input. After talking with ELIZA, the student can again switch roles and act as his or her own psychotherapist:

I had another argument with my wife.

ELIZA: Tell me more about your wife.

All she cares about is her career.

ELIZA: Keep going—I'm listening.

It makes me angry.

ELIZA: Do you think it's normal to feel that way?

No.

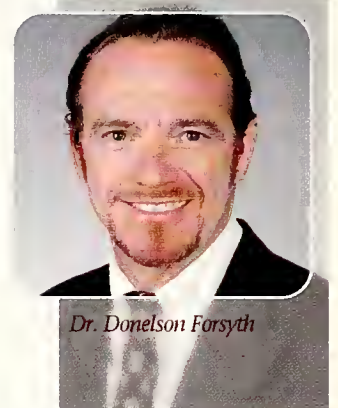
ELIZA: Don't hold back. I think we're making progress.

Another application, part of the PsychSimulator's collection of exercises, gives information about a virtual client already in psychiatric care. The student gets the client's name, results of psychiatric tests, background characteristics, and a transcript of the interview given on admission to counseling. The student seeks further information on the client, provides a diagnosis, and suggests treatment.

Animal rights advocates would appreciate the virtual rat which students can train, in classic psychological form, to run a maze and press a bar to earn rewards. In other classical psychological experiments, students can play subject, then researcher.

Through the TEC, students make more connections with each other than they can in a class of 300. "TEC gives students the opportunity to express their own viewpoints, often through such written assignments as an analysis of their dreams and a behavioral modification project," Forsyth says.

"The department surveys students yearly, and the overall student response to the lab is positive," Forsyth reports. "Some people really prefer the individualized computer-based learning. Some prefer sitting anonymously in a large lecture hall. Some are petrified by the tech learning." At any rate, with more choices of learning modes, students should feel less like a rat in a maze.



Dr. Donelson Forsyth



## Writers' Block

The English Department's Computer Center in Hibbs 331 and 340, with the Writing Center in Hibbs 330, supports the lower division writing program and more. "We serve students throughout the University," says Dr. Patricia Perry, director of composition and rhetoric. Composition teachers regularly send their English 101 and 200 students to the Center and hold class there, but the Writing Center is open to any student who needs some direction with a history or biology paper.

The computer has revolutionized the way writing is taught. Basic word processing has made revision much easier; editing programs mean teachers can type in questions, suggestions, comment. The technology has developed along with a teaching focus on the writing process as it happens.

Lower level writing courses are organized around student "portfolios," of early drafts and revisions of their papers throughout the semester. Instructors evaluate and direct the writing in process. In Blackboard, says writing teacher Alexina Fagan, "I can do a quick read and comment at any time a student needs my input." Students use Blackboard's drop box to drop a paper and email the teacher to read the draft. "I use Microsoft to track changes in green or blue so students can immediately see my comments when they open a document I return. Students get help when they are working on papers, not days later."

In Blackboard's electronic writing workshop, students can email drafts back and forth to their group members for comments—saving the cost and tedium of copying.

Like Fagan, many writing teachers hold class in the Computer Center, with students revising and commenting on drafts individually and in groups. A student who's still asking, "Just tell me what you want," can get more feedback and explanations from GTA tutors at the Writing Center next door. Perry explains, "The tutor gets students to think about what they're trying to do. They keep the weight of decisions on the students, so the tutor is not editing or doing the work for them." Tutors email brief feedback on the sessions to ENGL 101 and ENGL 200 instructors.

The Writing Center handles about 1,500 visits a semester, and still, "we sometimes have students lined up and down the hall waiting," Perry says.

VCU's English Department has a new technical resource open to the public since May 1. *Blackbird* is an online journal of literature and the arts co-sponsored by New Virginia Review, Inc. Streaming audio and video complement contemporary literature by internationally known writers, as well as interviews and essays. The first issue includes a streaming media play for four voices by New York playwright Romulus Linney, performed by Richmond actors. The site has links to other arts and literary venues. <http://www.blackbird.vcu.edu>



Alexina Fagan

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## The Chat Room

### online discussion, yes and no:

English major **Natasha Siva '02BA/H&S**

"More people participate in online discussions than in an actual classroom because the program tracks participation, which is part of the grade. We also understand ideas from the professor and other students better when we can reread comments."

*\*Online student, Lynn Nelson's Intro to Sociology*

"Sometimes there's certain people that kind of dominate the class and they ask questions and get really tedious after a while.... I'm one of those people that like to sit there and just have the lecture and I do not like all the side conversations and everything."

### not up-close, yet personal

Natasha Siva

"Students who don't come to class miss some of Dr. Woodlief's comments and miss that personal interaction with her."

Patrice Lee, sophomore psychology major

"I use email when I have a question for one of my professors or want to set up a meeting. Some classes are so big, professors don't have time to answer all your questions in class."

Lauren Yancy, sophomore Mass Comm major

"I like talking to my professors. It feels more personal. But I still email them when I have a dumb question that I should already know the answer to."

### more information?

Patrice Lee, sophomore psychology major

"For my human sexuality class, you get a certain link and pull all your information from there for your paper. For another paper I had to use at least five Internet resources."

Jonathon Heekin, '02BS/H&S senior biology major

"The greatest learning is still papers—you hit the library. Online pieces are not something you can cite."

### lecture online:

*\*Online student, Lynn Nelson's Intro to Sociology*  
"I could get more out of the lectures [audio files online] with no distractions around."

Freshman chemistry major, Biruh Kegegue from Ethiopia

"You can even read lecture notes online before class. You don't have to take notes and listen at the same time. You go through the material twice, so you learn better. It makes some students lazy, but I think all teachers should do it."



## multi-media

*Sophomore chemistry major, Tigist Abraham*  
"The teacher downloaded an animation on DNA replication. It helped to watch it move from one stage to the next. I really understood it better."

*Jonathon Heekin on Power Point*

"People learn by the visual and by talking. But Power Point is used as a crutch. Professors or students put down everything they are going to say instead of talking from the outline—they could just email it to me." Still, "Power Point forces organization on a professor."

## convenience!

*Natasha Siva*

"The computer lab is very, very, hot, and [going to an online course] I could eat at home and not have to rush to class."

*Sports management major Cory Bauswell '02MS/E*

"I like the computer lab in the Sports Medicine Building because it's quiet and I don't have the distractions of the TV or loud roommates. Also, the printers are really fast."

*Third-year psychology and pre-law student Emily Liu on Blackboard "lite"*

"It seems almost as if professors are playing a hide-and-seek, forcing students to get online for homework assignments that may just as easily be announced in class."

*Senior English major, Megan Cronauer*

"I liked taking the test at home at 11:30 p.m. instead of going somewhere at a particular time."



*\*A study in spring 2000 compared learning for students in online and traditional versions of Lynn Nelson's Intro to Sociology (page 19).*

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## Word

*La plume de ma tante est sur la table.*

*Dove sono?*

*Donde estan los pantalones de mi padre?*

Practice, practice. It's essential to learning a foreign language. Brand new computers with bright LCD monitors in VCU's Language Learning Center (LLC) are dazzling. Multi-media, interactive software and CD-ROMs turn practice into amazing fun. The Foreign Language Department teaches French, German, Italian, Spanish, Portuguese, Latin, Chinese, Arabic and Russian at VCU, and the lab gets about 2000 visits a month.

"That number will surge," predicts Center director Sandy Darmagnac, "once students and teachers see the new equipment and realize what they can do."

On SCOLA's live, original untranslated programs, students can follow political and economic news—or catch soccer scores—from their country of choice. On CD, Spanish students can explore *el museo del prado* to learn about Velasquez. Watching a Spanish TV show, they can slow down the narration, or read the transcripts. French students can take a walking tour through Paris before their *visite au Louvre*. Or follow the cartoon adventures of those foes *formidables de Julius Caesar*, Asterix the Gaul and his sidekick, Obelix. Students can test comprehension and even write or record their own captions. Mowgli speaks fluent German in *Das Dschungelbuch*. Students record themselves singing along with animated folksongs (*La Cucaracha*—in disco!), practicing related vocabulary and grammar exercises—comprehension through karaoke.

For classes held in the LLC, a teacher can direct and monitor exercises and readings from a central console. Students can do a telephone exercise, calling a student across the room for a chat. Digital software is a flexible tool: *Herr Doktor Professor* can interact with a single student or the class; interrupt a film to explain a scene; run a loop of a word or sentence to hear-say it again and again. Professors can use the LLC's new digital camcorder to videotape students' dialogues, or take it on their travels to bring back clips of interviews, or cultural events. (Or *telenovelas*? South American soap opera—the quickest way short of a foreign boyfriend to learn a language.)

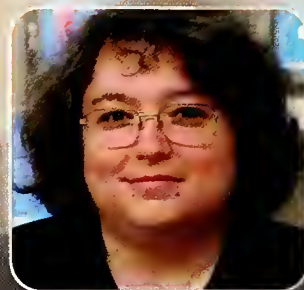
It's all practice, in listening, speaking, writing, reading. Participation at the LLC is not required, but students who go learn *molto bene*. "In a class of 35," says Darmagnac, "there isn't enough time. At the LLC, students can practice for hours. Once they know about it, they get excited and we have regulars."

On video, students can take virtual trips to Morocco or St. Petersburg. In Professor Masullo's Italian chat room, VCU students *parlano vivace con gli studenti italiani*. The Italians practice their English in half the session, so both sides benefit. By the fall, new web-cams will add the visual—students will learn body English or Italian as well.

In yet another medium, students *peuvent aller au cinema*. And they don't have to fly to Cannes. At 424 Hibbs they can see films like *Todo sobre mi madre* or *Lola Reint* from Spain, Germany, France, Russia, Italy and China—most with English subtitles. (Lab technology "translates" video formats from Europe, China, Japan, South America to the U.S. standard.)

VCU's annual French Film Festival takes the cinema medium to an out of lab experience for American students and teachers of French, through courses and internships. Students from France intern as associate coordinators, working both in France and in Richmond. The Festival website is [www.frenchfilm.vcu.edu](http://www.frenchfilm.vcu.edu)

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*Sandy Darmagnac*

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## Front Row for History

BY AMANDA COSNER '02BA/H&S

"I had a front row seat for history. I realize it more and more every day," says Ann Cottrell Free '36, of her experiences as a reporter during and after WWII. Most recently, Free contributed several articles and two photos to the *Eleanor Roosevelt Encyclopedia*, published in 2001. Free wrote about ER's "women-only" press conferences and fellow journalists Ruby Black and Mary Hornaday.

As a 24-year-old reporter for the *New York Herald Tribune*, Free was the youngest member of Eleanor Roosevelt's Press Conference Association in 1941 and chaired it in 1943. (Free didn't always get a front row seat. She remembers racing other reporters upstairs to the Monroe Room. "I was never able to outrun the older women and had to settle for the second row," she says ruefully.) Free reports, "After ER's customary 'Good Morning, Ladies,' the First Lady shook each woman's hand, announced her schedule of activities, and entertained questions on a variety of subjects, ranging from her wardrobe and her children to her own personal and women's general role in war and peace." Like her husband, ER limited direct quotes, at first requiring reporters to get her permission and check their notes against her secretary's.

ER intended that her weekly, women-only press conferences would expand opportunities for women journalists—then often limited to covering society news, fashion and homemaking. And ER could highlight the social and human rights issues she supported so intensely.

Free shared those passionate concerns. "Even in Richmond, growing up, I felt horrible about the second-class citizenship of African-American people. I felt like I was a lonely voice at the time. Finally, Eleanor Roosevelt spoke up and gave a lot of support to African-Americans." When the president's wife spoke and acted, Free was inspired to fight for what she believed in. "You need people like Mrs. Roosevelt to galvanize you."

After the war, Free continued to cover ER and movements calling for equal opportunities for people all over the world. Most thrilling for Free was witnessing the shaping of the U.N.'s Universal Declaration of Human Rights, a response to the world's horror at the Holocaust. ER maneuvered past thickets of conflicting national values and practice, convincing her colleagues on the U.N. Commission on Human Rights that binding treaties on civil rights and economic justice should be separate from the declaration, which became part of the U.N. Charter in 1948. "I feel so lucky to have experienced that," Free says.

Later, Free fought for humane treatment of animals and protection of the environment, with books like *Animals*, *Nature* and *Albert Schweitzer*. She led a successful drive to name a wildlife refuge in Maine for her friend and comrade-in-Nature, Rachel Carson. "That's where my heart is, with the animals and nature."

She adds, "I wish I could have done more than that. You look back at your life and realize you haven't done a thing and you wish you could do it all over again." Perhaps. But Free hasn't stopped yet. Besides, people like Ann Cottrell Free galvanize the rest of us.

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## 1980s

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## 1990s

**Kim Alexander '91BS/MC** owns KL Entertainment in Rancho Cucamonga, CA, where she lives. She is also an editor for USA Networks. • **Angela (Lunceford) Allen '96BS/H&S** married **Scott Allen '98BS/H&S** on July 28, 2001. • **Michael Allen '94BFA** is an artist at Absurdist 6 in Seattle. • **Wendy Allred '97BA/H&S** and her husband Ken welcomed son Jacob Allred on March 7, 2000. She is a rate and audit consultant at Thomas & Thorngren, Inc. in Nashville. They live in Murfreesboro, TN. • **Cordelia Anderson '96BA/H&S** writes for the PR Department of the Public Library of Charlotte & Mecklenburg County in Charlotte, NC, where she lives. • **\*Scott Anderson '99BS/B** is a staff accountant at Adams & Akin in Richmond, where he lives. • **\*Michelle Andryshak '92BS/MC** is a senior campaign director at United Way of Westchester and Putnam in White Plains, NY. She lives in Goshen, NY. • **\*Charles Aulino '98BS/B** is an assistant examiner at the Federal Reserve Bank of Richmond, where he lives. • **Elena Balandina '98MS/B** is a senior financial specialist at Capital One Services, Inc. in Glen Allen, VA. She lives in Herndon, VA. • **Jennifer (Castle) Balut '91BS/MC '97MT** married Christopher Balut on July 6, 2002. They live in Richmond. • **Scott Barker '90BS/B** is a systems analyst at Merge Computer Group. He lives in Glen Allen, VA. • **Seth Barber '90BFA** works at Studio B2SJ in Denver, CO, where he lives. • **Patricia Barker '90BA/H&S** is a training manager at Best Software, Inc. in Reston, VA. She lives in Manassas, VA. • **Denise (Weir) Bartlett '98MBA** married Jeffrey Bartlett on April 13, 2002. She is a corporate controller at Southern Health Services. They live in Glen Allen, VA. • **Edward Batkins '99BFA** married Karen Ebbert on July 14, 2001. They live in Richmond. • **James Bell '95BA/H&S** is a manager at American Express Co. He lives in New York City. • **Melissa Berling '97BA/H&S** is an account executive in Richmond, where she lives. • **Susan (Dickey) Berry '94BFA** married Anthony Berry on September 22, 2001. They live in Richmond. • **\*Michael Bickford '97BS/B '01MBA** is CEO of eduGame in Richmond. He lives in Glen Allen, VA. • **\*Richard Blair '93BS/E** is a systems architect at Hilb, Rogal and Hamilton in Glen Allen, VA. He lives in Richmond. • **Martin Blum '93BS/B** married Lori Jenkins on May 27, 2001. They live in Lexington, VA. • **\*Matthew Bobbitt '99BA/H&S** teaches special education at Hanover County School in Ashland, VA. He lives in Richmond. • **Robert Boclair '92BA/H&S** married Marcy Sitzes on December 28, 2001. They live in Richmond. • **\*Jennifer Brewer '96BFA** is a junior art director at Ken Roberts Company in Portland, OR, where she lives. • **Stacie (Stargardt) Briley '96BS/B** married Brian Briley on February 2, 2002. They live in Roanoke, VA. • **Claudia Brookman '93BA/H&S '93MT** is an associate director at the University of Richmond. • **Corey Brooks-Giles '96BFA** owns CB Giles, LLC in Richmond, where he lives. He is also co-founder of New Genesis, Inc. • **Tracy Brower '93BA/H&S** is a program director at The Good Samaritan Foundation in Washington. • **Valerie Brown '92BS/B** is a system analyst at Trigon BCBS in Richmond, where she lives. • **Elisha (Galbraith) Bruggemann '93BS/MC** married L. Scott Bruggemann on June 2, 2002. They live in Remington, VA. • **Heather (McCune) Bruhn**

## Calendar of Events

### VCU Alumni Association 2002-2003

#### SEPTEMBER 25

VCUAA Board Meeting

#### SEPTEMBER 29-OCT. 7

Alumni College in Tuscany

#### DECEMBER 14

### WINTER COMMENCEMENT

Commencement Breakfast and Photography

#### JANUARY 6-10

Alumni Extern Program

#### FEBRUARY 1-12

Panama Canal Cruise

#### MARCH 10-14

Alumni Extern Program

#### \*MARCH 17, MARCH 25

Calling Prospective Students

#### APRIL 26

Destination Imagination

#### MAY 2-4

### REUNION 2003

Academic Campus

#### MAY 17

### COMMENCEMENT

Commencement Breakfast & Photography

#### MAY 26-JUNE 3

Alumni College in Italian Lakes District

#### JULY 21-29

Alumni College in Normandy

\*TENTATIVE DATES

'93BFA received a Fulbright to support her dissertation research on late Gothic metalwork. She will live in Cologne, Germany. • **Brian Brumbaugh '97MBA** is a controller at Proctor-Silex, Inc. in Glen Allen, VA. He lives in Midlothian, VA. • **\*Karen (Compton) Bryant '97MBA** is a manager of Sales Finance at Philip Morris USA in New York City. • **Richard Bunce '97MBA** is executive director of audit & management services at VCU. He lives in Glen Allen, VA. • **Sara (Shoaf) Burnette '97MED** married **Roger Burnette '99BS/H&S** on July 21, 2001. They live in Virginia Beach, VA. • **Anne Butz '99MSW** was named 2001 Employee of the Year by Mental Health, Mental Retardation and Substance Abuse Services in Chesterfield County, VA. • **\*Marika Byrd '92BGS/H&S** is office manager at the Virginia Department of Game and Inland Fisheries in Richmond. She lives in Glen Allen, VA. • **Stephanie (Harris) Byrd '94BS/B** married Antonio Byrd on August 4, 2001. • **Elise Caldwell '94BFA** is a manager at Danskin in Boston. She lives in Medford, MA. • **Jill Calhoun '99BS/H&S** is development coordinator of the Medical Alumni Association at UVA in Charlottesville, VA. She lives in Keswick, VA. • **Michael Camarata '97PhD/B** is assistant depart-



ment chair at Marywood University in Scranton, PA. He lives in Aurora, OH. • **Emilie Cangelosi '91BFA** is an executive officer for the Department of Defense. She lives in Centerville, VA. • **Carrie Cantrell '95BA/H&S** is press secretary for Senator George Allen. She lives in Alexandria, VA. • **Amy (Smith) Caplinger '96BA/H&S '98BS/E** married Ivan Caplinger on March 2, 2002. They live in Mechanicsville, VA. • **James Carney '99MBA** is vice president and corporate medical director of First Health Services Group in Glen Allen, VA. • **Sherry (Knapp) Carr '93BS/MC** married H. Stuart Carr on May 11, 2002. They live in Mechanicsville, VA. • **Angel Carroll '96BS/H&S '99MSW** is a medical social worker at Henrico Doctor's Hospital in Richmond. She lives in Mechanicsville, VA. • **David Carter '92BS/MC** married Anne Scott on August 11, 2001. They live in Richmond. • **Linnie Carter '92BS '98MS/MC** is director of advancement at John Tyler Community College in Chester, VA. She lives in Richmond. • **Stacy (Kennedy) Carter '98BS/B** married Mitchell Carter II '98BA/H&S '01C/B on April 27, 2002. They live in Mechanicsville, VA. • **Thomas Casey '95PhD/E** is an associate professor-administration in surgery at VCU. He lives in Mechanicsville, VA. • **Katherine (Maurer) Cassada '87BS/E '94MED** married Thomas Cassada on November 17, 2001. They live in Richmond. • **Patricia (Sullivan) Cassity '94BS/B** married Duane Cassity on August 4, 2001. • **Frank Castro '90BS/B** is an associate broker at Weichert Realtors. He lives in Clifton, VA. • **William Chisholm '99BS/H&S** married Katharine Morgan on April 20, 2002. He works in sales at American Fidelity Assurance Corporation. They live in Richmond. • **Jun Chung '99BS '99BS/B** is a SAP consultant at Dolphin IT-Project and Consulting Corporation in Newtown Square, PA, where he lives. • **Holly Clark '98MBA** is vice president of Scott & Stringfellow, Inc. She lives in Richmond. • **Mary (Rawls) Clark '96BS/B** married Anthony Clark '02BS/B on May 4, 2002. She is a sales representative at Luck Stone Corporation. He is a financial advisor at AXA Advisors. They live in Richmond. • **Donna Coghill '90BFA '94MFA** is director of education at Theatre IV in Richmond, where she lives. • **Jason Cole '96BS/B** married Isabel (Coelho) Cole on July 27, 2001. They live in Union, New Jersey. • **Kirk Collins '93BS/H&S '95MED** owns Valkirk Incorporated in Glen Allen, VA, where he lives. • **Anne Conklin '95BS/B** is an ALP supervisor at Ingersoll-Rand Co. She lives in Cornelius, NC. • **Andrew Conti '96BS/B** married Becky (Hundley) Conti '97MSOT/AH on July 28, 2001. They live in Mechanicsville, VA. • **Steven Cooke '98BS/B** married Kerry Dixon on August 4, 2001. They live in Chesterfield, VA. • **Leigh (Wright) Coverstone '95BS/H&S** married Neil Coverstone on October 20, 2001. They live in Richmond. • **Steve Covert '93BS/B** is a systems administrator at Capital One in Glen Allen, VA. • **Jeffrey Coward '92BS/B** is vice president of Secondary Marketing at Saxon in Glen Allen, VA. • **Sam Cox '90BM '98MED** is assistant principal of Fauquier County Public Schools in Marshall, VA. He lives in Bealeton, VA. • **Rose (Organ) Crews '94C/B** married Jerry Crews on September 8, 2001. They live in Richmond. • **Michael Crute '97BS/H&S** married Victoria Morgan on November 10, 2001. • **Lisa DaFoe '90BS/MC** is marketing coordinator at Wiley & Wilson. She lives in Virginia Beach, VA. • **Christina (Rowsey) Dillard '98BA/H&S** married Robert Dillard on March 2, 2002. She works for

Retreat Hospital. They live in Mechanicsville, VA. • **Melinda DiMauro '93BFA** is a photographer in Long Beach, CA, where she lives. • **Rebecca Dimmett '95BFA** is a policy & procedure specialist at Capital One Financial in Glen Allen, VA. She lives in Richmond. • **Eric Director '90BA/H&S** married Mindy Atkins on June 8, 2002. • **Tracy (Whiting) Dobrinsky '93BS/H&S '97BS/AH** married Robert Dobrinsky on March 23, 2002. She is an occupational therapist for Virginia Beach Public Schools. They live in Virginia Beach, VA. • **Kieran Donahue '93BFA** is a marketing manager at Hilton Honors in Beverly Hills, CA. She lives in Los Angeles. • **Heather Eades '97BS/B** was honored as Dominion Resources' Volunteer of the Year for 2001. She founded and leads Richmond Siberian Rescue, a referral service for homeless Siberian huskies. She is also a member of Pet Harbor Rescue, and REINS. • **Joan (Carle) Engstrom '91BS/H&S** married William Engstrom Jr on February 14, 2002. They live in Glen Allen, VA. • **Bruce Ensley '96MBA** is a senior financial analyst at Dominion Resources in Richmond. He lives in Midlothian, VA. • **Keisha Entzminger '99BA** is an aftermarket account manager at Ford Motor Company. She lives in Hoboken, NJ. • **Robert Faulkner '93BS/B** married Adelle Danley on October 27, 2001. • **Kelly Filizola '93BS/B** is a material planner at Arrow Electronics Inc. in Raleigh, NC, where she lives. • **Robert Fitzgerald '93BS/H&S** married Elizabeth Ross on October 13, 2001. • **Deborah (Kirk) Flippo '91BS/B** is marketing manager at Engineering Concepts Inc. in Fincastle, VA. • **Ann Ford '97BFA** is director of Creative and Pre-Press Services at Choice Communications in Richmond. She lives in Ashland, VA with her husband, Stephen. • **Lauren (Diehl) Ford '97BFA** married Marion Ford '92BS/MS on December 1, 2001. She works at Capital One and he works at Dominion Power. They live in Richmond. • **Marlowe Foster '93BA '95MBA/H&S** is corporate affairs manager at Lowe's Companies, Inc. in Wilkesboro, NC. He lives in Winston-Salem, NC. • **Thomas Franklin '93BS/H&S** is chief resident of psychiatry at the University of South Carolina School of Medicine in Columbia, SC. He lives in Cayce, SC. • **Gaylia (Wagner) Fravel '92BA/H&S** married Daniel Fravel on July 7, 2001. • **Ben Friedman '97BA/H&S** is a senior account manager at Spring Global Markets Group in Woburn, MA. He lives in Marblehead, MA. • **Sande (Snead) Fulk '96MS/MC** is director of Public Relations & Marketing at Autorent in Chester, VA, where she lives. She recently received *Inside Business* magazine's Top 40 Under 40 Award. • **Mary Gawne '93BS/MC** is an account manager at Fine Arts Engraving Company in Newington, VA. • **Amie Garrett '94BFA** is advertising supervisor at Circuit City Store, Inc. in Richmond. She lives in Glen Allen, VA. • **Nadim Geloo '98BS/H&S '94MD** is an interventional cardiologist at East Carolina University in Greenville, NC, where he lives. • **Regina George '93BS/B** is a staffing & compensation specialist at Infineon Technologies in Sandston, VA. She lives in Colonial Heights, VA. • **Alan Goldstein '95BS/E** is a researcher/recruiter at Capital One in Glen Allen, VA, where he lives. • **J. David Gorman '93BS/MC** married Elizabeth Roberts on November 10, 2001. They live in Richmond. • **Tracie (Smith) Grady '93BS/B** married James Grady on October 26, 2001. • **David Graves '92BS/H&S** is manager of information systems at Virginia Asset Management in Richmond. • **Amy**

**(Hale) Grazioso '94BS/B** married John Grazioso III on October 6, 2001. • **Maria (Zohab) Greco '90BS/E** married Frank Greco married April 6, 2002. She is an auditor at LandAmerica Financial Group. They live in Richmond. • **Michael Grube '95BA/H&S** is an outside sales representative at Curbell in Ashland, VA. • **Denard Hall '99BS/H&S** is a space system administrator at Circuit City Stores, Inc. in Richmond, where he lives. • **Lisa Hall '93MED** teaches math at Adams Elementary School in Richmond. She recently received a \$9,000 Toyota TIME 2002 grant award for excellence and innovation in mathematics education for her "Math Game Kits" project. She lives in Richmond. • **Lynn Hamilton '91BS/H&S** is a specialist for children with Learning Disabilities at Luray Elementary. He lives in Luray, VA. • **Anthony Harbour '90BS/E '92MED '99C/B** is president and CEO of Harbour and Associates, Inc. in Richmond, where he lives. • **Scott Harder '99BS/B** is a sales associate at Otis Elevator Company in Virginia Beach, VA. He lives in Chesapeake, VA. • **James Hardiman '94MSW** is a substance abuse services coordinator at VCU. He lives in Charlottesville, VA. • **Dawn (Rich) Hardman '99BS/B** married William Hardman III on May 4, 2002. They live in King William, VA. • **Stephen Headley '97C/B** is a controller in retail accounting at Southern States Cooperative, Inc. in Richmond. • **Brian Hooper '90BFA** is distribution manager at Gap, Inc. in San Francisco, where he lives. • **Kevin Hopson '98BS/B** married Gunes Ozcan on September 2, 2001. • **Kelly Hundley '97BA/H&S** is an office manager at the Library of Virginia in Richmond, where she lives. • **Martin Hurt '96BM** performed the lead role in a touring concert production of Gershwin's *Strike Up the Band*. He has also appeared in productions of *Titanic*, *Man of La Mancha* and *Brigadoon*. • **Rhonda (Earhart) Ingram '96MSW** married Mark Ingram on August 11, 2001. They live in Caroline County, VA. • **Debbie Johnson '99BS/H&S** is a senior process chemist at Rehrig International Inc. in Richmond. She lives in Williamsburg, VA. • **Douglas Johnson '97BA/H&S** married Mary McArdle on May 11, 2002. They live in Richmond. • **Matthew Johnson '92BS/MC** is media director/account supervisor at Planet Central in Richmond. He lives in Mechanicsville, VA. • **Robin Johnson '97BFA** is associate producer of The Second City improv group in Chicago where she lives. • **Shannon Johnson '98BFA** is a real estate assistant at Coldwell Banker in Normal, IL, where she lives. • **Carl Juran '92BS/B** is a realtor at Long & Foster. He lives in Manassas, VA. • **William Kanto '99MBA** is a fixed income analyst at McGlinn Capital Management in Reading, PA. He lives in Wayne, PA. • **Cynthia (Snead) Keener '95BS/E** married Jason Keener on October 6, 2001. • **Vonda (Stokely) Kent '92BS/MC** and her husband Mark celebrated the birth of their daughter, Madysen Rose, on June 25, 2000. They live in Aylett, VA. • **Laura Koch '92MSW** is a program specialist at Alameda County Department of Children and Family Services in Oakland, CA, where she lives. • **Deborah Krajacich '96BFA** is an independent consultant and accredited leader at Arbonne International and La Leche League International in Jacksonville, NC, where she lives. • **Jeffrey Lang '97BFA** is associate designer at Boat U.S. in Alexandria, VA, where he lives. • **Suzanne (Walton) Langston '96MS/H&S** married Timothy Langston on March 16, 2002. They live in Mechanicsville, VA. • **Cynthia (Weldon) Lassiter**



# "What Victory May Mean"

BY DONNA GREGORY

The Battle of Midway, June 4, 1942, in the South Pacific was a turning point for the Allies in World War II. The History Museum of Western Virginia in Roanoke commemorates the 60th anniversary of Midway in the exhibit "What Victory May Mean: The Story of Ensign Horace A. Bass Jr., USNR and the USS Horace A. Bass APD-124." The exhibit chronicles the heroism of the 26-year-old Navy pilot and the Navy ship named posthumously in his honor.

Horace Bass '37BFA was also an alumnus of the Richmond Division of the College of William & Mary (later RPI, then VCU). He was the school's first graduate to die in WWII. Bass earned a BFA in sculpture and taught art at Jefferson High School in Roanoke before enlisting in the U. S. Naval Reserve in 1941.

It was a difficult leave-taking for his sister, Minnie King Bass Thomas. "That was a painful time. My husband Louis signed up the same day and became an Army pilot. Horace and I left town within a week of each other, and I never saw him again."

Bass was assigned to Fighting Squadron Three (VF-3), which flew combat air patrols from the USS Yorktown CV-5 in the Pacific. The Yorktown sailed to Midway to defend the small atoll from Japanese invasion. During the Battle of Midway on June 4, Bass's squadron intercepted a large group of Japanese planes headed for American ships. Bass and his section leader were attacked by a Japanese Val bomber and a Zero fighter. Although his own plane, a Wildcat, was riddled with 27 bullets, Bass protected his section leader from the rear and shot down both planes. His actions earned him the Navy Cross.

"His superb airmanship and unyielding devotion to duty, maintained at great risk against tremendous odds, were in

keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service," reads Bass's Navy citation.

The Yorktown was sunk at Midway, so Bass was transferred to Fighting Squadron Five (VF-5) and sailed aboard the USS Saratoga CV-3 for the Solomon Islands, the site of America's first major offensive in the Pacific. Bass's plane was apparently shot down by Japanese fighters

during the Battle of the Eastern Solomon Islands on August 24, 1942.

He was presumed dead a year later and posthumously awarded the Purple Heart, the American Defense Service Medal and the Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Medal.

During his short teaching career, Bass expanded Jefferson High's art department from two to six classes and converted storage rooms to art rooms with new equipment. His students won statewide competitions. He was also faculty advisor for drama set production, the student newspaper and the yearbook, *The Aconit*. His students gave him a farewell party with "Happy Landing" written on the cake.

The late Ken Platt was one of Bass's students. "He always stood tall and was always ready to help you," Platt said. "Horace Bass had good attributes to be a naval officer." Like others who knew him, Platt described him as "a delightful human being." Platt himself enlisted before the end of the war, and served aboard the USS Ticonderga, which provisioned the destroyer escort USS Horace A. Bass.

Thomas describes her brother as "quick, alert and good company. He could always solve a practical problem"—perhaps a characteristic of both artists and good Navy pilots.

The Navy commissioned the USS Horace A. Bass APD-124, a Rudderow class destroyer, in December, 1944. The ship and its crew served in World War II and the Korean War. In 1945, the ship took part in the final major strike against Japan in Okinawa, where it shot down two kamikaze planes and sunk the Japanese submarine RO-109.

When the Korean War erupted, the ship participated in operations in August, 1950 off Korea's eastern coast as part of Special Operations Group, Amphibious Group One, Pacific Fleet. The group earned a Navy Unit Commendation, which reports that the "efficient, superbly trained and courageous team" disrupted communications, "inflicted important damage," and "collected valuable intelligence." The ship served three tours during the Korean War.

The ship received two battle stars for service during World War II and six battle stars for Korean War service. In operation "Passage to Freedom" in 1955, the USS Horace A. Bass evacuated thousands of Vietnamese fleeing Communist rule. In her final years, the ship engaged in training exercises with both the Pacific and Atlantic fleets. She was decommissioned at Brownsville, Texas in 1959 and scrapped in 1975.

*"What Victory May Mean: The Story of Ensign Horace A. Bass Jr. USNR and the USS Horace A. Bass APD-124," at The History Museum of Western Virginia in Roanoke until October 20. Details at (540) 342-5724 or [history@roanoke.infi.net](mailto:history@roanoke.infi.net).*

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The launching of the USS Horace A. Bass APD-124 on 12 September 1944, took place at the Bethlehem Steel Fore River Shipyard at Quincy, Massachusetts, near Boston.

'93BA/H&S '93MT married Milan Lassiter on June 23, 2001. They live in New Jersey. • **\*Heloise Levit '98MA** is an art consultant at Art-I-Facts in Richmond, where she lives. • **John Lindsey '90BFA** is creative manager at Consumer Electronics Association in Arlington, VA. He lives in Falls Church, VA. • **Katy Lloyd '98BS/MC** is a public information officer for King William County. She lives in Midlothian, VA. • **Denise Lockman '92BFA** is an interior design at Sergenians in Madison, WI. She lives in Cross Plaines, WI. • **Ailsa Long '96BFA** is an art

director/graphic designer at Long Creations International in Richmond, where she lives. • **Brian Long '93BS/MC** married Elizabeth Hawkins on November 17, 2001. They live in Richmond. • **Christine Longfield '96BS/B** is a manager at Deloitte & Touche LLP in McLean, VA. She lives in Alexandria, VA. • **Elizabeth (Hogg) Losi '98BFA** married Ryan Losi '97BS/B on July 7, 2001. He is a senior consultant at Pricewaterhouse Coopers, LLP in New York City. She works for Harcourt College Publishers. • **Erin (Tilley) Lumpkin '93BA/H&S '98MS/MC**

married Edward Lumpkin on April 13, 2002. She is a freelance writer. They live in Richmond. • **\*Abby Magruder '99BS/B** is an online producer at Media General in Richmond. She lives in Glen Allen, VA. • **Dianne (Taylor) Mann '90BS/H&S '92MS/AH(RC)** is director of intake and research at Virginia Monitoring, Inc. in Hampton, VA, where she lives. • **Robert Mansman II '98BS/H&S** married Laura Gagnon '01DPHA on July 14, 2001. She is a pharmacist for CVS. He is in the Doctor of Dental Surgery program in the School of Dentistry on VCU's MCV Campus. They



live in Richmond. • **Brent Manuel '97BS/H&S** is assistant town manager for the Town of Strasburg. He lives in Woodstock, VA. • **Cade Martin '90BGS/H&S** had photographs published in *Attache*, U.S. Airways' in-flight magazine, May 2002. • **Randall Marvin '98MSW** is a substance abuse therapist at the Front Royal Clinic in Front Royal, VA. He lives in Winchester, VA. • **Tracy (Linkous) Mason '96BS/B** married Chad Mason on August 26, 2001. • **Dan Massey '92BS/B** is vice president at Suntrust in Richmond, where he lives. • **Meredith (Morris) Matthews '98MT** married Patrick Matthews on March 9, 2002. They live in Greenville, NC. • **Kay Mattox '96BS/H&S** and her husband **John Mattox '98BS/H&S** welcomed Victoria Ann on June 7, 2001. She is a financial services manager at Bryant & Stratton in Richmond. He is a corporal in the Powhatan Sheriff's office in Powhatan, where they live. • **Michelle (Alligood) Matts '95BM** married Paul Matts on August 4, 2001. They live in Richmond. • **Jody Matzer '94BFA** owns Monkey Boy Publishing in Miles City, MT, where he lives. • **Matt May '91BS/MC** is president of Good Thunder Advertising in Richmond, where he lives. • **Michael Maynes '99BGS/H&S** married Maureen Lauper on December 29, 2001. He works at Atlantic Beacon. They live in

Midlothian, VA. • **Catherine (Kinton) McCann '90BS/H&S** married Kevin McCann on September 15, 2001. They live in Richmond. • **Roxanne (Grandis) McConnell '98MT** married Marcus McConnell '98BS/MC on June 9, 2001. • **Clark McCurdy '96BS/B** is vice president at Bank of America in Charlotte, NC, where he lives. • **Nicole McGhee '98BS/B** is a human resource assistant at Hilb, Rogal and Hamilton Company. She lives in Mechanicsville, VA. • **Mary (Stanley) McKenna '99BS/H&S '99MT** married Joseph McKenna on July 29, 2001. They live in Montpelier, VA. • **Reginald McKinney '90BS/B** is program manager of financial management services for the U.S. Treasury in Washington. He lives in Odenton, MD. • **Scott McLean '94C/B** is a controller at Southern Community Bank & Trust in Winston-Salem, NC. He lives in Harrisburg, NC. • **Thomas McPherson '99BS/B** is an OLAP development lead at Capital One Financial Services in Richmond, where he lives. • **Sherita (Johnson) McWilliams '97BS/H&S** married Arnold McWilliams on November 10, 2001. She works at Verizon. They live in Glen Allen, VA. • **Scott Melsheker '97BFA** is art director at Raymond Geddes and Co., Inc. He lives in Baltimore. • **James Mercer '96BS/H&S** married Angela Pasternak on August 11, 2001.

They live in Bon Air, VA. • **Cara (Taylor) Meyer '98BS/H&S** married William Meyer '97BS/E on September 15, 2001. They live in Midlothian, VA. • **Mark Miller '92BS/AH** is an analyst at IBM in Bethesda, MD. He lives in Largo, MD. • **Christopher Mohn '94BS/H&S** is a planner at the Department of Building and Development in Leesburg, VA. He lives in Winchester, VA. • **Louise (Adamson) Moore '94MBA** married Stuart Moore on May 4, 2002. They live in Richmond. • **Roy Morris '93BS/MC** is deputy executive editor at Nation Publishing Co. Limited in Barbados. • **Timothy Morris '98BS/B** married Megan Huff on February 2, 2002. He works for Capital One. They live in Richmond. • **Susan Morrison '90BFA** is an associate art director at FCW Government Technology Group in Falls Church, VA. She lives in Ashburn, VA. • **Bret Mullinix '98BS/H&S** is a database analyst at L3 Communications in Arlington, VA. He lives in Fredericksburg, VA. • **Catherine (Price) Newman '96BFA** married Gregory Newman on June 8, 2002. She is an account executive at Halifax Corporation in Richmond. They live in Midlothian, VA. • **Scott Newman '91MED** is assistant dean/director of residential life at Eureka College in Eureka, IL. He lives in Normal, IL. • **Steven Newman '93BA/H&S** married Melissa Napier on August

## In Memoriam

### A Great Loss, but a Great Gift

**Rodney Pulliam '87BS/B '90MPA/H&S** and his three sons—Rodney, 10, Jordan, 8, and Matthew, 6—died in a car accident on March 24, 2002 in Frederick, VA. Their car was hit by an epileptic driver having a seizure because he hadn't taken his medication.

Born in Petersburg, Pulliam earned a doctoral degree at Virginia Tech before heading the office of violence prevention for the City of Richmond. Later he was a legislative assistant to Rep. Stephanie Tubbs Jones (D-Ohio), crafting legislation to promote community development and curb predatory lending. "I'm devastated at the loss of a former employee and friend who I know was destined for greater things," Jones told the *Washington Post*.

Just two weeks before the accident, Pulliam began working as COO for Frederick, the first such high-level black appointee in the city. "He was a minister at his church and spent his weekends with his boys and wife," said Frederick Mayor Jennifer Dougherty. "Everybody in the city of Frederick had a little bit of their heart broken today."

### Formidable Encouragement

VCU theater professor **Dr. James Walter Parker** died of cancer June 1, 2002, at 68. Brilliant, intense, and sometimes intimidating, Parker made a deep impression on his students. Many took his course on theater history, and many knew him as their advisor in the graduate program he was hired to develop in 1977. "Dr. Parker referred to himself as 'the rock in the road which you could not pass' at Theatre VCU," actor-director **Donna Coghill '94MFA** told the *Richmond Times-Dispatch*. "He was wonderfully encouraging and slightly terrifying at the same time." Coghill coordinated a retirement celebration for Parker in April 1999.

### Community Benefits

Insurance agent and businessman **Albert Neveux** died February 2, 2002 at 86, in Richmond. He taught finance and insurance at VCU. For almost fifty years, he ran an insurance business on Main Street. He also founded Management Futures, specializing in employee benefit plans and estate planning.

### He Knew the Law

**Alfred Littlefield Smith Jr.** died on May 29, 2002 of a heart attack. An associate professor at the VCU School of Business since 1974, Smith was also a partner at the law firm of Saunders, Cary, and Patterson. "He was a humble, low-key person," friend and senior law partner Les Saunders told the *Richmond Times-Dispatch*, adding that Smith was respected for his knowledge of the law and his levelheadedness.

### Teaching the Teachers

After fighting cancer for more than a year, math teacher and Richmond native **Mary Lou Gibson '75MED** died in February at 67. Gibson began teaching in 1956 and taught math at VCU as well, from 1975. In 1986, Gibson became the first teacher-in-residence in the VCU mathematics department, and later worked with math chair, Dr. Reuben Farley on teacher training projects. "She knew exactly how to relate to teachers," Farley told the *Richmond Times-Dispatch*. "Though she was one of my master's students, I always said I learned more from her than she did from me."

### Medical Maverick

**Dr. William Regelson** died in his Richmond home on March 19, 2002, at 76. Regelson came to MCV in 1967 as chair of medical oncology and remained on the faculty until his death.

Regelson was widely known as co-author, with Walter Pierpaoli, of *The Melatonin Miracle: Nature's Age-Reversing, Disease-Fighting, Sex-Enhancing Hormone*—claims the scientific community considered dubious. But controversy never dampened Regelson's passion for bringing new research to patients. He fought to wrest RU-486 from the abortion debate for use in medical research on breast cancer and Crohn's disease. In 1973-75, he was on a VCU team researching the use of marijuana for cancer patients. He advocated legalizing heroin for pain control in terminally ill people.

Dr. Walter Lawrence Jr., founding director of the Massey Cancer Center, told the *Richmond Times-Dispatch*, "He was looking at immunotherapies like interferon for cancer treatments 40 years ago. He always challenged the status quo, and I think the scientific world needs more Bill Regelsons."

### "Exceptional, imaginative and brilliant"

**Dr. L. Gregg Halloran '99MBA '64MD** died of cancer, at home on April 1, 2002, at 64. In the 1970s, Halloran was on the VCU research team that discovered the role of HDL, or "good cholesterol." We now know that HDL helps clean artery walls and transport "bad cholesterol" to the liver to become bile. The research took Halloran into the bayous of Louisiana to collect bile from freshly killed alligators.

Halloran defied conventional thinking just as fearlessly. "It got him in plenty of trouble," his colleague and physician, Dr. Alvin Zfass, told the *Richmond Times-Dispatch*. "But it was a gorgeous piece of his personality." That courage shone equally when Zfass diagnosed him with cancer. Another VCU colleague, Dr. Charles Schwartz, said, "Gregg was an exceptional, imaginative and brilliant physician [and] researcher."



25, 2001. They live in Richmond. • **\*M. Daniel Newton Jr '93BS/B** is an agent at State Farm Insurance Companies in Raleigh, NC, where he lives. • **\*Chileshe Obbo '91BS/B** is an office manager at Saxon Office Technology in Morrisville, PA, where she lives. • **\*Richard Oleson '95BS/B** is senior project manager at AMF Bowling Inc. in Mechanicsville, VA, where he lives. • **\*Mary Owen '96MBA** is director of branch operations support at First Union Securities in Glen Allen, VA. She lives in Richmond. • **\*Edward Owens '95BS/H&S** is a physical oceanographer for NDAA in Norfolk, VA, where he lives. • **\*Gina Panza '93BFA** is online programs manager at Design Center at AMD in Austin, TX, where she lives. • **\*Kara (Hudson) Parker '96BA/H&S** married Craig Parker on August 11, 2001. They live in Vernon Hills, IL. • **\*Nisha Patel '97BS/H&S** is a group home supervisor at Henrico Area Mental Health & Retardation Services in Richmond, where she lives. • **\*Jay Paul '91BS/B** is president of Jay C Paul, P.C. in Prince George, VA, where he lives. • **\*Pascale Pepin '97BS/B '99MBA** is a senior consultant at Booz-Allen & Hamilton in McLean, VA. She lives in Alexandria, VA. • **\*Christine Perkins '90BS/H&S '93MSW** is a medical social worker at Lutheran General Hospital in Park Ridge, IL. She lives in Chicago. • **\*Caryn (Bishop) Persinger '91BFA** is a publications manager/webmaster for the Virginia State Bar in Richmond, where she lives. • **\*Timothy Petrie '88BA '92MURP/H&S** is an environmental specialist at the Virginia Department of Environmental Quality in Roanoke, VA. He lives in Buena Vista, VA. • **\*Gregory Pfommer '94BFA** is a designer/programmer at Fourth Phase-Light & Sound Design. He lives in Marietta, GA. • **\*Christopher Phillips '91BS/B** is a consultant at Plexus Group in Los Angeles. He lives in Santa Monica, CA. • **\*Norma Pierce '93MS/MC** has retired as communications coordinator for VCU Student Affairs. She and her husband Don live in Richmond. • **\*Brian Pike '92BS '94MS '96PhD/H&S** is an assistant professor of psychology at the University of Florida in Gainesville, where he lives. • **\*Matthew Prebble '97BS/H&S** is a space systems analyst at ANSER Inc. He lives in Falls Church, VA. • **\*Robert Prillaman '90MBA** married Elizabeth Schoemmel on August 18, 2001. He is a division manager in Customer and Weapon System Support at the Defense Supply Center. They live in Chester, VA. • **\*Elizabeth (Axselle) Rader '98MT** married Matthew Rader on May 18, 2002. They live in Richmond. • **\*Emily (Fiscus) Rains '99BS/H&S** married William Rains on May 18, 2002. She works at Capital One. They live in Richmond. • **\*Matt Rankin '94BS/MC** is a communications manager at CLARB. He lives in Reston, VA. • **\*Tiffany Reeve '96BS/B** is a corporate accounting manager at Interbake Foods in Richmond, where she lives. • **\*Timothy Reid '89BS/E '92MA/H&S** is assistant director of personnel for Hanover County Public Schools in Ashland, VA. He lives in Richmond. • **\*Donna Reynolds '97BS/H&S '99MS/AH(RC)** is a rehabilitation counselor at Vocational Rehabilitation Services. She lives in Winston Salem, NC. • **\*Lionel Rhodes '95BS/B** is a mortgage consultant at Cavalier Mortgage in Raleigh, NC. He lives in Durham, NC. • **\*Angela (McKinney) Rice '93BS/B** married Marvin Rice on August 4, 2001. They live in Mechanicsville, VA. • **\*Cynthia (Saunders) Richards '96BA/H&S** married William Richards on April 20, 2002. They live in Richmond. • **\*Michael Ricotta '93BS/H&S**

co-owns Not Just Draperies in Mechanicsville, VA, where he lives. • **\*Amanda (Leigh) Riley '95BS/B** married William Riley on August 18, 2001. They live in Richmond. • **\*Brian Roberts '88BS '91C/B** is a land development accounting manager at Hillwood in Fort Worth, TX. He lives in Highland Village, TX. • **\*Crystal Robinson '98BFA** is an interior designer at Rau & Associates in Richmond. She lives in Chesterfield, VA. • **\*Jean Robinson '76AS/B '97MBA** is a benefits administrator at Hunton and Williams in Richmond, where she lives. • **\*Sarah (Collins) Robinson '97BS/B** married Shawn Robinson on May 18, 2002. • **\*Debra Roethke '95MM** teaches technology for Henrico Public Schools. She lives in Richmond. She was named Henrico County Teacher of the Year in February, 2002. • **\*Diane Rose '93BS/B** is a senior examiner at the Federal Reserve Bank in Charlotte, NC, where she lives. • **\*Howard Rose '97MBA** married Jennifer Swartz on November 17, 2001. They live in Richmond. • **\*Wendy (Dewberry) Rosner '92BFA** married Jeffrey Rosner on October 6, 2001. • **\*John Ross IV '98BS/B** married Katharine Easter on April 6, 2002. He works for Apartment Showcase. They live in Richmond. • **\*Michael Ross '98BS/H&S** is an underwriter at Trigon Blue Cross/Blue Shield. He lives in Richmond. • **\*Kerry (Epperson) Rudd '97BS/B** married Danny Rudd on September 22, 2001. They live in Midlothian, VA. • **\*Stephen Salpukas '85BFA '97MFA** is a photographer at *Style Weekly* in Richmond where he lives. He recently won the Virginia Press Association Best in Show 2001. He is a member of the Virginia News Photographers Association. • **\*William Schieken '91BA/H&S** is an attorney editor at West Group in Rochester, NY. He lives in East Rochester, NY. • **\*Kimberly Sesar '97MA** is a development and community relations officer at VCU. She lives in Richmond. • **\*Carol Sherry '98BS/B** is a registered associate at Smith Barney in Richmond. She lives in Fredericksburg, VA. • **\*Angela (Gregory) Silverthorne '96BS/E** married Jerry Silverthorne on March 9, 2002. They live in Cumberland, VA. • **\*Ronald Singleton '96PhD/E** is senior vice president of Mary Washington College in Fredericksburg, VA, where he lives. • **\*LaMont Sledge '96BFA** is a division artist at Verizon Information Services in Glen Allen, VA. He lives in Richmond. • **\*Allen Slonaker '96BS/H&S** married Monica (McCarroll) Slonaker on November 3, 2001. They live in Richmond. • **\*Barbara (Fox) Soles '99BA** married Steven Soles on September 15, 2001. • **\*Millard Souers Jr '95BS/B** is an audit manager at Urbach Kahn & Werlin LLP in Washington, DC. He lives in Falls Church, VA. • **\*Brenda (Starr) Smith '99BS/H&S '99MT** married Robert Smith on July 6, 2002. They live in Chesterfield, VA. • **\*Cassandra Smith '95BFA** is a freelance scenic artist in Chesapeake, AL, where she lives. • **\*Jennifer (Childrey) Smith '93BS/B** married Kenneth Smith on April 20, 2002. They live in Richmond. • **\*Heather Smithson '96BS/ '00C/B** is a senior accountant at Arthur Andersen LLP in Richmond. She lives in Rockville, VA. • **\*Ben Snedeker '97BA/H&S** is special projects coordinator for the Georgia Department of Transportation. He lives in Atlanta, GA. • **\*Jamie Stapleton '97BS/E** is vice president of Computer Business Solutions, Inc. in Ashland, VA, where he lives. • **\*Melissa Stemple '99BA** is an associate merchandiser at Federated Merchandising Group in New York City. She lives in Brooklyn. • **\*David Stirrup '99MBA** is a financial services rep-

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She lives in Dak Park, IL. • **\*James Williams '84BS '96MS/H&S** is a captain in the Staunton Police Department in Staunton, VA, where he lives. • **Jennifer (Hodges) Williams '98BA/H&S** is a senior payroll specialist at Chesapeake Corporation in Richmond. She lives in Mechanicsville, VA. • **Lisa Williams '97BSW'99MSW** is an account executive at Vanguard Communications in Washington. She lives in Arlington, VA. • **Nikeeia Williams '98BA** is assistant store manager of softlines at Sears, Roebuck & Co. in Landover, MD. She lives in Laurel, MD. • **Robert Wilson '90MS/B** is executive vice president and CEO of Financeware.com. • **\*Jason Winebarger '92BFA** is a freelance artist/set designer in Richmond, where he lives. He was nominated for a Governor's Award for Virginians In the Arts, and for a Phoebe Award for Best Set Design for *Full Gallop*. Jason received Best In Show Award at Richmond's Shockoe Bottom Arts Center and was voted Most Alluring in the Richmond Go Fish Project for his fish "Diamond's Are A Girl's Best Friend," sponsored by Carreras, Ltd. • **Joyce (Hart) Wolfe '92BS/H&S** married Travis Wolfe on April 6, 2002. • **Mary Woolfok '93BM** is a self-employed music teacher in Orange, VA. • **\*Stanley Yarbro '93C/B** is a master sergeant in the U.S. Army. He lives in Quinton, VA. • **Kisong Yi '97BS/B** is a network engineer at TRW, Inc. in Reston, VA. He lives in Centreville, VA. • **\*Reyburn Zobot '92BFA** is manager of The Bull and Bear Club in Richmond, where she lives. • **Beth Zipp '92BFA** is a sales manager at Johnson & Johnson in Evergreen, CO, where she lives.

## 2000s

**Jennifer (Hoge) Albertson '00MSW** married Robert Albertson on June 8, 2002. She is an adoption social worker for the City of Richmond, where they live. • **\*Hugo Alomar '02MBA** is a software engineer at Ericson Inc. He lives in Richmond. • **Teresa Alsko '00BS/B** is a controls analyst at Westvaco in Richmond, where she lives. • **Diane Andusko '00BS/B** is a general accountant at International Paper in Richmond. She lives in Chesterfield, VA. • **Melody (Blanton) Bandy '01BS/H&S** married Bogle Bandy Jr. on November 10, 2001. She works for First Health Services. They live in Highland Springs, VA. • **Travis Barden '00BS/B** is a web developer at Morven Partners in Richmond. He lives in Midlothian, VA. • **Paul Battle '00BS/B** is a telecommunications technician for the Virginia Lottery in Richmond. He lives in Glen Allen, VA. • **Sam Bennett '00BS/B** is a management analyst at KPMG Consulting in McLean, VA. He lives in Falls Church, VA. • **Richard Berry '00BS/E** married Jennifer Zblewski on October 6, 2001. They live in Midlothian, VA. • **Shannon (Terry) Biddlecomb '01BS/B** married Charles Biddlecomb on April 27, 2002. They live in Reedville, VA. • **Ashley (Cox) Blanchard '01BS/B** married James Blanchard on June 1, 2002. She is a commercial sales representative at Western Industries. They live in Hanover, VA. • **Stephanie (Judnick) Bradley '00BFA** married Andrew Bradley on May 11, 2002. She teaches art at Fairfield Middle School. They live in Mechanicsville, VA. • **Jim Bredeson '00BFA** is assistant director of education for The State Theatre in New Brunswick, NJ, where he lives. • **Rhonda Briel '00BS/B** is a benefits manager at Morven Partners in Richmond, where she lives. • **Victoria Brock '00BFA** is a computer design assistant at Willard Press, Inc. in Manassas, VA, where she lives. • **John Brunelle '01PhD/H&S** is



a postdoctoral fellow in the Center for Counseling and Student Development at the University of Delaware. • **Bryan Bryant '00BS/B** is an accountant at McGladrey & Pullen, UP in Richmond. He lives in Fredericksburg, VA. • **Jason Bryant '00BS/B** is an overnight manager at Kmart Corporation. He lives in Midlothian, VA. • **Kimberley (Buehler) Burgus '98BA '02MA** married Michael Burgus on August 18, 2001. • **Aileen Callahan '95BFA '00MSW** is an outreach worker at Thresholds Psychiatric Rehabilitation Center in Chicago, where she lives. • **John Cannon '00BS/B** married Megan Tatum on May 4, 2002. They live in Midlothian, VA. • **David Ciampa '01BA/H&S** is a financial advisor at Morgan Stanley in Alexandria, VA. He lives in Arlington, VA. • **William Clarke '01BS/H&S** is a sales manager at Bob Moates Sports Shop in Midlothian, VA. He lives in Chesterfield, VA. • **Christopher Climenhaga '00BS/B** is a systems administrator at AmerInd Inc. in Alexandria, VA. He lives in Manassas, VA. • **Summer (DeRaimo) Davis '01BS/H&S '01MT** married Ryan Davis '01BS/B on June 23, 2001. They live in Chesterfield, VA. • **Samantha (Koelzer) Davis '97BS/H&S '01C/B** married Christopher Davis on April 27, 2002. • **Trina Davis '01BS/H&S** is a laboratory and research practitioner IV at VCU in Richmond, where she lives. • **Todd Domaleski '00C/B** is a staff accountant at Markel Corp in Glen Allen, VA. He lives in Richmond, VA. • **Andrew Earp '00BM/A** is a private music instructor in Austin, TX, where he lives. He is a member of the Texas Bandmasters Association and the Texas Music Educators Association. • **Dawn Edge '01BFA** is an office services specialist at the Virginia Department of Education in Richmond, where she lives. • **Kimberly Edmunds '00BS/B** is a staffing specialist for Quantum Resources in Richmond, where she lives. • **Rebecca Epps '00BA/H&S** is an administrative assistant at VCU in Richmond, where she lives. • **Cynthia (Cimburke) Farias '01MT** married Thomas Farias on June 8, 2002. • **Allyson (Bailey) Farkas '01BA/H&S** married Bryan Farkas '02BFA on July 6, 2002. She works for Cavalier Telephone and he works for Graphics 3. They live in Richmond. • **William Fennell '00BS/H&S** is an investigator for the Virginia Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services in Richmond. He lives in Midlothian, VA. • **Christian Finkbeiner '01BS/MC** is a copy editor for the *Danville Register & Bee* in Danville, VA where he lives. • **Trenton Funkhouser '00MPA/H&S** is director of planning and community development for the Westmoreland County Land Use Administration in Montross, VA. • **Michael Gallini '00C/B** married Jennifer Spencer on May 18, 2002. They live in Richmond. • **Laura Gagnon '01DPHA** and **Robert Mansman '98BS/H&S** married on July 14, 2001. She is pharmacist at CVS, and he is in the Doctor of Dental Surgery Program on VCU's MCV Campus. They live in Richmond. • **Matthew Genovesi '00C/H&S** married Cara Indelicato on August 25, 2001. They live in Richmond. • **Kelley (Cummings) Gill '01BS/B** married Jason Gill on June 9, 2001. They live in Ashland, VA. • **Farrah (Stone) Graham '01C/H&S** married Richard Graham on August 25, 2001. They live in Bon Air, VA. • **Charles Harrelson '00BS/B** is a manager at Auto Paint Supply Co. in Richmond where he lives. • **Buffy Harwood '00BS/B** is assistant vice president of on-line systems at First Union

Securities in Richmond where she lives. • **Paul Hayes '00BS/B** is an operation analyst III at Bank of American in Richmond where he lives. • **Heather Haynie '00BS/B** is an account analyst at Markel Corporation in Glen Allen, VA. She lives in Mechanicsville, VA. • **Kelly (Knight) Heffernan '00BS/H&S '00MT** married Timothy Heffernan '99BA/H&S on October 27, 2001. She teaches special education for Chesterfield County Schools and he is a help desk specialist at VCU Health System. They live in Colonial Heights, VA. • **Russell Henderson '00BS/H&S** is an analyst at Bowman & Brooke LLP in Richmond, where he lives. • **Lynda (Davis) Holloway '01BS/H&S '01MT** married Jason Holloway on July 28, 2001. • **Mark House '01MT** married Alison Bateman on August 11, 2001. They live in Baltimore. • **Jeremy Hughes '00BS/B** is director of land development for JSC Concrete Construction, Inc. in Manassas Park, VA, where he lives. • **Nathan Hughes '00BM/A** married Nicole Strubbe on August 4, 2001. He teaches music at a Henrico County elementary school. • **Carrie James '00BS '01C/B** is a systems analyst at Capital One in Glen Allen, VA, where she lives. • **Igor Jekauc '01BS/H&S '01BS/En** is a process engineer in lithography at Infineon Technologies Richmond in Sandston, VA. He lives in Richmond. • **Latisha (Waller) Jenkins '01MURP/H&S** married Jason Jenkins on October 6, 2001. • **Tana (Harrison) Jones '01BS/H&S** married Tony Jones on August 4, 2001. She teaches math for Henrico County Public Schools. They live in Chesterfield, VA. • **Min Kang '00BS/B** is a facilities coordinator/computer operator at *The Washington Post* in Washington. He lives in Dann Loring, VA. • **Carey (Vesely) Kendrick '01BA/H&S** married Nathaniel Kendrick '01BS/En on July 28, 2001. She works for Cadmus Journal Services and he works for Newport News Shipbuilding. They live in Williamsburg, VA. • **Dan Keopradit '01BS/H&S** is a chemist at Wyeth Ayrest. He lives in Richmond. • **Angela (Pace) Kirk '00MBA** is a project manager at First Union Corporation in Charlotte, NC, where she lives. • **Graham Lathrop '01BS/H&S** married Darlene Phillips on April 6, 2002. • **Brenda LeVerre '01BS/B** is an administrative specialist in the admissions office at Rappahannock Community College in Warsaw, VA, where she lives. • **Stuart Long '00BA/H&S** is an IT specialist for VCU in Richmond, where he lives. • **Jeffrey Lysak '00BS/MC** is a marketing coordinator for the Food Marketing Institute in Washington. He lives in Bethesda, MD. • **Stacy Martin '00BFA** is an interior designer for Baskerville & Son in Richmond where she lives. • **Peter MAYER '01MBA** is global vice president at Praxair, Inc. • **Augustus Mays III '01BA/H&S** is a graduate assistant in the financial aid office at VCU. • **Dana McCarthy '00BS/B** is a program support technician for the VCU School of Business and lives in Richmond. • **Adam McCracken '01BS/B** is an investment representative at Edward Jones Investments. He lives in Richmond. • **Bradley McGietrick '01MBA** is a research director at Advantis Real Estate Services in Richmond, where he lives. • **Wendy Meade '00BS/B** is a staff accountant at Henry R. Hortenstein, III CPA. She lives in Midlothian, VA. • **Michael Menefee Jr '00BA/H&S** is a special assistant in the Office of the Secretary of Administration. He is also co-founder and president of the Charitable Souls

Foundation, Inc. • **Courtney Merewether '01BS/B** is a database administrator at Honeywell International in Colonial Heights, VA. She lives in Richmond. • **William Mickiewicz '00BS/B** married Kristina Alfante on May 4, 2002. They live in Chester, VA. • **Amber Miller '01BFA** is a self-employed illustrator/creative inventor in Richmond. • **Melisa Milton '01BS/B** is a programmer analyst for Chesterfield County, VA. She lives in Ettrick, VA. • **Paula Morgan '00BS/B** is a programmer at WR Systems LTD. in Richmond, where she lives. • **Everett Morton '00BS/B** is director of Cardiac Device sales for Dmni Medical in Manassas Park, VA. He is also a basic life support trainer for Inova HealthSource of Inova Health System in Fairfax, VA and a volunteer on the Emergency Cardiovascular Care Committee of the American Heart Association. • **Joanne Murphy '00BS/B** is a programmer at Overnite Transportation in Richmond. She lives in Chesterfield, VA. • **Donna Navarro '00BS/B** is director of human resources at Logistics Solutions Group, Inc. in Prince George, VA. • **Cheri Owen '01BS/B** works in financial services at Joyner, Kirkham, Keel & Robertson in Richmond, where she lives. • **Denise Penick '00MAE** is a museum educator at the Longwood Center for the Visual Arts in Farmville, VA where she lives. She earned the Virginia Elementary Educator of the Year award as well as the Longwood Center for the Visual Arts Individual Achievement in the Arts award in 2001. She is a member of the National Art Education Association, the Virginia Association of Museums, the Longwood Center for the Visual Arts, Central Virginia Arts, VAEA and CRVAEA. • **Travis Perdue '97C '01MS/H&S** married Kerri Cobb on May 4, 2002. He is a sergeant with the Virginia State Police. They live in Montpelier, VA. • **Sharon Perez '00BS/B** is a tech specialist II at VCU. She lives in Chesterfield, VA. • **Ashley (Hill) Pospahala '98BS/H&S '00MED** married Stephen Pospahala on July 6, 2002. They live in Chesterfield County, VA. • **Tara Pratt '00BSW '01MSW** is a case manager at the Henrico Area Mental Health and Mental Retardation Services in Glen Allen, VA. She lives in Mechanicsville, VA. • **Susan Price '01BA/H&S** is a technical writer at Honeywell in Hopewell, VA. She lives in Chesterfield, VA. • **KeShawn Pride '01BS/H&S** is a community juvenile officer for the City of Petersburg Juvenile Community Crime Control Program in Petersburg, VA. She lives in Ettrick, VA. • **Thao Quang '00BS/B** is a software engineer at CMS Information Services, Inc. in Vienna, VA. He lives in Manassas, VA. • **Marika Rasmussen '00BS/H&S** is a personnel assistant at Temp-Team in Lyngby, Denmark. • **Anna (Carmichael) Redding '01MED** married Charles Redding on October 20, 2001. She is an elementary school counselor for Hanover County Schools. They live in Midlothian, VA. • **Teresa Redmond '00BS/H&S** is a software engineer for Anteon Corporation in Arlington, VA. She lives in Alexandria, VA. • **Marie Reynolds '00BS/B** is an assistant project manager at Royall & Co. in Richmond, where she lives. • **Meghan Riemer '00BS/B** is an inventory manager at Target Marketing in Richmond, where she lives. • **Sherrie (Swaringen) Roberts '94BA/H&S '00MT** married John Roberts Jr. on March 30, 2002. They live in Chesterfield, VA. • **Dawn (Temple) Robertson '01BFA** married Benjamin Robertson on December 1, 2001. They live in Thomasville,



GA. • **Rebecca (Milletary) Roper '01BS/H&S '01MT** married Michael Roper on December 30, 2001. They live in Glen Allen, VA. • **John Royall II '00BS/B** is a financial advisor at Morgan Stanley in McLean, VA. He lives in Richmond. • **Jeremy Sawyer '00BS/B** is a staff accountant at Williams Overman Pierce and Company, LLP. He lives in Raleigh, NC. • **Katherine (Slonaker) Sherman '01BA/H&S** married Daniel Sherman on May 4, 2002. They live in Richmond. • **Anthony Steime '00BS/B** married Sarah Jennings on April 20, 2002. He is an analyst at SunCom. • **\*Jeremy Slivinski '00BS/MC** is assistant executive director of Alpha Kappa Lambda in Indianapolis, where he lives. • **Mark Smith '00BS/B** is a system specialist at Wackenhut Security in Richmond. He lives in Midlothian, VA. • **Paula (Grime) Spencer '01C/B** married David Spencer on June 16, 2001. She is an information technology specialist in the Pathology Department at VCU. They live in Richmond. • **Tracy Stevens '00BS/B** works at Carmax in Glen Allen, VA. • **Rebecca (Jahn) Stone '00BA/H&S '00MT** married Steven Stone on December 1, 2001. She teaches at J. R. Tucker High School. They live in Richmond. • **Scott Stovall '01BS/B** married Auburn Hawthorne on June 1, 2002. They live in Richmond. • **Angela (Sunne) Strickland '00MSW** married Eugene Strickland on May 18, 2002. She works for the Boys & Girls Club. They live in Richmond. • **Omar Stwodah '01BS/MC** is a marketing consultant at IMPAK Marketing. He lives in Richmond. • **Andrea (Turner) Styles '01MURP/H&S** married \*Jason Styles '01MURP/H&S on October 13, 2001. • **Kimberly Sutton-Camp '01BS/H&S** is a student area manager of the Market Area Team at General Motors. She lives in Colonial Heights, VA. • **Elizabeth (Carmack) Tanner '01BS/H&S** married Christopher Tanner '01BS/H&S on May 4, 2002. They live in Richmond. • **Sharon Tatum '00BS/B** is executive director of Virginia Law Foundation in Richmond. She lives in Mechanicsville, VA. • **Joy Taylor '00BS/B** is a systems analyst at GE Capital Corporate in Stamford, CT. • **Jessie (Christner) Teller '01MT** married Robert Teller on December 29, 2001. She teaches kindergarten in Hanover County, VA. They live in Richmond. • **Monica Tiffany '00MSW** is a treatment foster care social worker for the United Methodist Family Services of Virginia in Richmond, where she lives. • **Byron Tyler '01C/B** is a help desk technician at the Virginia Department of Taxation. He lives in Richmond. • **\*Luis Vega '01BS/En** is a designer of regional construction at Dominion Virginia Power in Richmond, where he lives. • **Eileen (Clougherty) Vlieger '01MSW** married Matthew Vlieger on October 20, 2001. They live in Richmond. • **Kelly (Silver) Wade '01BS/H&S** married James Wade III on May 11, 2002. She is a research lab specialist at VCU's MCV Campus. They live in Henrico County, VA. • **Tyson Walker '00MIS/H&S** married Laura Gosney on September 1, 2001. He is a GIS research analyst at World Resources Institute in Washington, where they live. • **Sameatria Watkins '01BS/B** is a claims adjuster at State Farm Insurance Company in Charlottesville, VA, where she lives. • **Maurisa Westbury '00BS/B** is senior program analyst at Maritz in Fenton, MO. She lives in St. Louis, MO. • **Terrelline White '01BA** is a senior information specialist at IQ Solutions, Inc. in Rockville, MD. She lives in Washington. • **Kristen (Saferight) Whitlow '01BS/H&S** married Kenneth Whitlow on April 27, 2002. She works for Jeff Blackburn, D.D.S., P.C.

They live in Midlothian, VA. • **Richard Wickersham '00BS/B** is a web developer at Seta. He lives in Vienna, VA. • **Kenisha Wiggs '00BS/MC** is associate editor at Douglas Publications, Inc. in Richmond, where she lives. • **Alan Williams '01BA/H&S** is an administrative and program specialist at VCU in Richmond where he lives. • **John Williams '00BS/H&S** is an adjunct instructor at VCU. He lives in New Kent, VA. • **Kendra Williams '00BS/B** is a human resource generalist at Resource Consultants, Inc. in Vienna, VA. She lives in Woodbridge, VA. • **\*Patricia Williams '95BS/B '02MBA** is in the Corporate Real Estate division at First Union National Bank in Richmond, where she lives. • **Justin Wilson '01BS/B** is acting manager of IP Systems Engineering at Qwest Communications in Arlington, VA. He lives in Alexandria, VA. • **Vakida Wilson '00BS/H&S** is a corrections institution rehabilitation counselor at the Fluvanna Correctional Center for Women in Troy, VA. She lives in Kents Store, VA. • **Alison (Barry) Wirtz '00BS/H&S** married Brian Wirtz on September 7, 2001. She is a voice and data consultant for Sprint. They live in Louisville, KY. • **\*Maryanne Woo '00BS/B** is office manager at VA Real Estate Board in Richmond, where she lives. • **\*Erin Yaglia '00BS/B** is a benefits specialist at LandAmerica Financial Group in Richmond. She lives in Mechanicsville, VA. • **Jieun Yang '00BS/B** is a marketing assistant at JPC & CO. in Annandale, VA. She lives in Fairfax, VA. • **Elizabeth Yevich '95BA '00MPA/H&S** is a planner for the Texas Rehabilitation Commission in Austin, TX where she lives.

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**Alan Hiss** is a recruiter/generalist at First Union in Richmond. • **Jurgen Venitz** is an associate professor at VCU in Richmond, where he lives. • **James Wheat III** is managing partner at Colonnade Capital LLC in Richmond.

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**Anne (Warriner) Vail '39/A** on April 9, 2002, at 81. She was CEO of Southern Ice Co. and Southern Fuel Oils. She was a member of several lineage societies including the Jamestowne Society. • **\*Elizabeth (Brown) Vaughan '39BS/H&S** on January 1, 2002, at 83.

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**\*Vernon Bennett '49BS/SW '54MSW** on June 7, 2002, at 82. He was a social worker for the state of Virginia. He was a railroad and organ enthusiast. • **\*Miriam (Wells) Greeley '48BS/B** on December 26, 2001. • **Lenore (Sussman) Laibstain '44BS/E** on October 31, 2001. • **Virginia (Delp) Ogg '43/E** on June 16, 2002, at 81. She was a teacher at Henrico County Schools for 20 years and had taught at the Elinor Fry School of Dance. She was a member of the VCU Alumni Association's Golden Circle 50 Year Alumni Club.

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**Margaret Campbell '59BS/H&S** in 1999. • **Catherine Chambers '52MSW** on March 5, 2002, at 91. She was a retired social worker for Nottoway County and City of Charlottesville Welfare Department. • **John Geaslen '57BS/MC** on October 4, 2001, of lung cancer. He was printing plant manager at Commonwealth

Mailing. He was also production manager at Satterwhite Printing Company, vice president and partner at Advertising Associates, and production manager for Clinton Frank. John also worked for Capital Printing Company and was a member of the evening college faculty at VCU for nine years, teaching direct mail advertising and advertising production. He served in Korea in the 15th Infantry Regiment, Third Division, of the U.S. Army. • **Felix Gotschalk Jr '54BS '56MS/H&S** on April 20, 2002, at 72. He was an accomplished musician and a critically acclaimed author who had over 300 published works. He was a member of the Authors Guild and Science Fiction Writers of America. • **Robert Hill '56BME** on June 11, 1998. • **Nathaniel Kirkland '53BS/H&S** on December 26, 2001. He was interim minister during the establishment of the St. Andrews Presbyterian Church in Kilmarnock, VA. He served churches in Conway, SC; Albemarle, NC; Richmond; and Sharps, VA. • **James Miller Jr '58BS/B** on December 10, 2000. • **Bernard Sadler Jr '53BS/E** on November 27, 1998. • **Mary Savage '58BM/A** on October 4, 2000. • **Damaris (Drake) Schulte '52BFA** on February 9, 2002, of cancer at 71. She supervised K-9 art programs for five rural schools around Syracuse, NY. She taught art classes for the Plymouth Community Arts Council and was on the board for seven years. Damaris wrote the history of the PCAC and designed the logo for the Music in the Park concert series. The Damaris Student Fine Art Award is named for her. • **\*Georgina (Heilig) Unser '56BS/SW** on January 29, 2001. She also received an MS/Ed from ODU in 1977. She was a member of CASA and a volunteer at Maryview Hospital. Georgina was a member of the Pilot Club International and many other organizations. • **Leo Vollenweider '57BS/B** on January 29, 2002, at 79. Born and raised in New Orleans, he enlisted in the U.S. Navy at 18. He served in WWII and in the Korean War, earning a Purple Heart and numerous medals. Leo was a U.S. Customs Inspector. Active in the American Legion, he was vice commander for Virginia; Chef de Gare for Voiture 449 of the 40 & 8, a Richmond Legion honor society; and past commander of Richmond Legion Post 125. He volunteered with mentally and physically challenged people and with athletes at Atlee High School. Leo married his wife Sandra in 1972 and was proud that his daughter, **Theresa (Vollenweider) Sims '97BS/B**, graduated from VCU 40 years after he did. • **Muriel (Benedict) Webb '51C/A '63BFA** on February 1, 2002, at 76. She was a retired employee of C&P Telephone, Plant Records Department. She was a member of several historic heritage groups, including the Jamestowne Society, the Stonewall Jackson Chapter of UDC, and Clan Munro. • **Willie Whitlock '50BS/B** on December 1, 2001, at 76. He was an attorney and land developer in Mineral, VA.

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**Violet (Wilson) Arnold '69BS/B** on May 6, 2002, at 88. She was a personnel consultant for Select Personnel. An enthusiastic and knowledgeable gardener, she was an accredited flower show judge. • **Connie Barnes '60C/SW** in May of 2001. • **John Bergeron '66MS/H&S** on March 4, 2002, at 60. He was an employment manager for the Department of Rehabilitative Services for the Commonwealth of Virginia. • **Edward Hall '66BFA '71MFA** on March 1, 2002, at 61. He was a King and Queen County Supervisor and taught art at Coventry Elementary school in York



County. He was a deacon of New Hope Memorial Baptist Church and a member of the King and Queen Ruritans, Dragon Run Steering Committee. • **Anita Haverly** '68BS/69MS/B on May 13, 2002. She was associate professor in and program head of accounting at John Tyler Community College. • **Milton Kusterer** '67BS/E on January 18, 2002, at 58. He was on the VCU Alumni Association Board, 1994-97. • **Charles Napier** '69BS/B in October, 2001. • **Gladys Seiwel** '69BS/E '74MEd on November 10, 2001, at 90. She taught for Richmond Public Schools and the Campus School at Longwood College. • **Barbara Skubon** '67BS/E on May 1, 2002, at 58. • **Louise Smith** '69MEd on February 28, 2002. She was a retired Richmond Public Schools counselor. • **David Thaw** '65BS/SW on February 13, 2002. • **Marie (Harris) Thurston** '63BS/H&S '65MSW on July 8, 2002. • **John Trevett** '63BME on April 4, 2002. He taught music in Sioux Falls Public Schools for 15 years; in Tappahannock, VA for four years; and in Chesterfield County Public Schools for 16 years, where he started the string music program. He received his MME in 1967 from the University of Kentucky. • **Portia Turner** '67BS/E on December 12, 2001. • **Betty (Winfree) Walters** '69AS/A on January 23, 2002. • **Wayne Wawner** '65BS/SW on March 7, 2002, at 62. In his career in Virginia education, he was principal of Chester Middle School. He was assistant principal at L.C. Bird High School, Matoaca Middle School, and in Petersburg schools where he also taught and coached football. Wayne was a member of several Hunt Clubs. He also served in the Army Reserve. • **George Wise Jr** '66BFA on July 6, 2002, at 60. He was an art educator and administrator for Henrico County Public Schools.

## 1970s

**Ashton Callis** '72AS/E on May 13, 2002, at 51. He was an associate at Baskerville & Son Architectural and Engineering Firm. • **Betty Davis Cocke** '78MSW on July 18, 2002, at Roanoke Memorial Hospital. She was 71. She was a social worker at the V.A. Hospital in Salem, Virginia while commuting to VCU for her MSW. She was diagnosed with multiple sclerosis in 1985 and fought the disease courageously for 17 years. • **Floyd Coleman** '76BS/H&S on July 4, 2002. He was an associate at Sager and Hart in Richmond. • **Laura (Wood) Davies** '76MEd on November 12, 2001. She was a guidance counselor for Chesterfield County schools for more than 20 years. • **John Draine** '73BS/E on April 11, 2002, at 55. He worked for the IRS and served in the Army Reserves. He was also a member of the Richmond Ski Club. • **Michael Fehl** '72MS/E on November 15, 2001, of pancreatic cancer at 57. He was the director of special education for Hanover County Schools. He was also the director of Mental Retardation Children and Youth Services for the Virginia

Department of Mental Health and Mental Retardation. He was assistant supervisor for the Division of Special Education and the Virginia Department of Education. He taught special education in Henrico County and directed a regional special education program in the Northern Neck of Virginia. He was president of both the Virginia Association for Mental Deficiency and the Council for Exceptional Children. • **Gladys Fitzgerald** '78MEd on May 27, 2002, at 51. She was a retired teacher and administrator for Richmond Public Schools. • **Ray Ford** '70MSW on April 24, 2002. He worked for the Henrico County and City of Richmond Juvenile Courts. He collected fishing gear. • **Seaton Fulghum** '72MEd on January 18, 2002. • **James Harman** '72BS/B on December 30, 2001. • **Doris Hellams** '71BS/E '77MEd on June 10, 2002. She taught at Maybeury Elementary School and was an active member of ADK. • **Edward Hughes** '71MSW on November 17, 2001. • **Clarence Jenkins Sr** '78MEd on December 13, 2001, at 69. He was a retired school teacher for Westmoreland County Schools. He served in the U.S. Air Force. • **Carla (Binford) Jerman** '79BS/E on February 18, 2002. She was a retired teacher for Richmond Public Schools. • **David Perdue** '72BS/E on March 21, 2002, at 56. • **Helen (Broske) Perreault** '73BS/SW on February 10, 2002, at 80. She taught French at the Holy Angels School. • **Rudolph Schmidt** '77BS/B on March 14, 2002, at 78. He was a retired chemist and Air Force veteran of WWII. • **Catherine Spencer** '76MM on November 30, 2001, at 78. She was an organist at several churches in Richmond and in Abingdon, VA. She was president of the Richmond Chapter of the American Guild of Organists and the Women's Guild of the Richmond Symphony. • **Jo Ann Verner** '70BS/E on January 7, 2002.

## 1980s

**C. Diane Burke** '89MS/AH on September 27, 2002. • **James Irby** '83BS/B on August 19, 2001. • **Laverne Johnson** '82BSW on November 13, 1999. • **Timothy Lohman** '83BS '86MS/H&S on July 24, 2001. • **Michael McCloskey** '86MBA on April 1, 2001. • **Susan Roebuck** '81BS/E on September 11, 2001. She taught pre-kindergarten at Langdon Elementary School in Washington, DC. She also taught in St. Croix, Virgin Islands. She was voted outstanding teacher in 1998. • **Wilbern Watkins** '83BS/H&S on July 21, 2002, at 42. He was a chemist at Percepta Corporation in Melbourne, FL.

## 1990s

**Loretta Brannan** '92BSW on January 6, 2002, at 53. • **Elizabeth Carroll** '91BA/H&S on May 7, 2002. • **Newton Carskadon III** '96BS/H&S on May 4, 2002, at 32. He was a CPS worker for the Department of Social Services in Richmond. •

**Merri Jo Crouch** '94BS/H&S '94MT on September 22, 2001, at 32. • **Linville Halloran** '64MD '99MBA on April 1, 2002, at 64. • **David Hodges** '96BS/MC on July 15, 2002, at 30. • **John Laws** '92BS/B on December 21, 2001. • **Patricia Moonis** '90BS/E on August 31, 2000. • **Kelly Nugent** '93BA/H&S on April 3, 1997. • **Lynda Ruth** '97MT on July 21, 2001. • **Cara Sarvey** '97BFA.

## 2000s

**Leslie Ball** '00BA/H&S on September 20, 2001. • **Richard Elliott** '89BSW '00MSW on July 11, 2002, at 39. • **Sarah Hearney** '00BS/MC on January 19, 2002, at 25. She wrote for the *Progress Index* and the *Prince George Journal*. She also was a recent graduate of Crater Criminal Justice Academy 57th Basic Class and worked for the Petersburg Bureau of Police.

## FRIENDS OF VCU

**James Betts** on March 23, 2002. He was president and CED at USLIFE Corporation. He was also director at Warring and Associates. He served on several boards, including the VCU Foundation and VCU Real Estate Foundation Boards, and the Board of Visitors of VMI. He very generously supported VCU, especially through the Betts Metastatic Cancer Research Fund at VCU's Massey Cancer Center. • **Bill Harrison** on September 25, 2001. He taught in the Economics Department at VCU from 1979 to 1996. • **Dora Morrow/MSW** on December 14, 2001. • **Robert Seidensticker** on October 26, 2001. He was a member of the VCU School of Business Council. He was retired president and CED of Pinkerton Group and a member of its Board of Directors. He received many awards including the American Jewish Committee's Humanitarian Award in 1990 and the Brotherhood Award from the National Conference of Christians and Jews in 1992. • **Herbert Welshimer** on February 12, 2002, at 81. • **Rose (Sadler) Wilson** on November 14, 2001, at 66, of renal cancer. She was a realtor at Century 21 and had worked for Reynolds Metals for 10 years. Active in the English as a Second Language program at Second Baptist Church, Rose helped newly American families adjust and find employment in Richmond. She had been president of the Roslyn Hills Garden Club and a member of Ikebana of Richmond. • **George "Bucky" Wise Jr.** '66BFA died July 6, 2002, at 60. An art teacher for 20 years, he became art education specialist for Henrico County, coordinating art programs for 53 schools, K-12. "He was so dedicated and so passionate," said colleague Sherri Smith. "He affected so many people, teachers and students." Wise retired in 1995 after a stroke. • **Mary (Jennings) Woodson/MSW** on July 8, 2002, at 84.

### Key To Abbreviations

Alumni are identified by year degree/school

### Schools

A Arts

AH Allied Health Professions

(CLS) Clinical Laboratory Sciences

(RC) Rehabilitation Counseling

B Business

CPP Center for Public Policy

D Dentistry

E Education

En Engineering

H&S Humanities and Sciences

M-BH Medicine-Basic Health Sciences

MC Mass Communications

N Nursing

P Pharmacy

SW Social Work

### Degrees

AS Associate's Degree

C Certificate

BGS Bachelor of General Studies

BIS Bachelor of Interdisciplinary Studies

BFA, MFA Bachelor, Master of Fine Art

BIS, MIS Bachelor, Master of Interdisciplinary Studies

BSW, MSW Bachelor, Master of Social Work

BM, MM, MME Bachelor, Master of Music,

Master of Music Education

M, DPA Master, Doctor of Public Administration

MAE Master of Art Education

MBA Master of Business Administration

MD Doctor of Medicine

MEd Master of Education

MIS Master of Interdisciplinary Studies

MPA, DPA Master, Doctor of Public Administration

MT Five-year Teacher Education program includes a BA or BS/H&S and a Master of Teaching.

MURP Master of Urban and Regional Planning

PhD Doctor of Philosophy



# Higher Education Bond Referendum, November 5, 2002



*School of Engineering, Phase II*

## **VCU Projects in Bond Bill**

- School of Engineering, Phase II  
(\$6,200,000)
- Hibbs Building Major Renovations  
(\$8,766,000)
- Music Center Renovation  
(\$3,407,000)
- Franklin Terrace Renovations  
(\$3,524,000)
- Massey Cancer Center Addition  
(\$10,099,000)
- Medical Sciences Building, Phase II  
(\$22,550,000)
- Sanger Research Laboratory  
Renovations, Phase I  
(\$7,899,000)
- West Hospital and George Ben  
Johnston Auditorium Renovations  
(\$14,308,000)

Dear Alumni:

On November 5, 2002, Virginians will be asked to approve \$846 million in bonds for badly needed higher education projects, both new construction and long overdue renovations. The support of our alumni will be crucial to the passage of the General Obligation Bond Referendum for Higher Education.

Virginia Commonwealth University will receive approximately \$77 million if this bond referendum passes. These funds will go toward construction costs for Phase II of the School of Engineering, an addition to the Massey Cancer Center, and a new Medical Sciences Building. All these projects are receiving support from multiple public and private sources (see page 13). The state contribution will ensure that these facilities will be built and make significant contributions to the education of the future workforce, the enhancement of Virginia's high-tech and biotech economy, and treatments for Virginia's cancer patients.

These funds also will support classroom and systems renovations for the Hibbs Building, the Music Center, and Franklin Terrace and for similar renovations in several buildings on the MCV Campus.

This extraordinary opportunity comes to us at a time when state funding for higher education is, at best, stagnant and the possibility of slipping into mediocrity very real. That is why I am working closely with my colleagues across the Commonwealth to educate our constituencies about this important measure. Every public university, college, and community college in every region of the state will benefit from passage of the bond referendum. Projects will address the terrible conditions of many old facilities on Virginia's campuses and construct new buildings designed to meet new educational demands of the 21st century workforce and economy.

Please join me in supporting the General Obligation Bond Bill for higher education in Virginia by learning all you can about its impact across the Commonwealth and educating especially for VCU. I very much appreciate your commitment to the future of our great academic and clinical community.

Best regards,  
Eugene P. Trani  
President, Virginia Commonwealth University  
President and Chair of the Board of Directors,  
VCU Health System



*The Music Center*



*Hibbs Building*

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